



Calendar of Important Events | November 2015 – October 2016

The Milestones Calendar is designed to help you keep track of key dates for Covered California including open enrollment, which happens once per year and special enrollment, which occurs year round. The calendar highlights holy days on the religious calendar and is also customizable so you can use it to denote special days in your own church such as Women's Day, Children's Day, Church Anniversary, and Pastor's Anniversary.

The calendar starts in November and ends in October to coincide with Covered California's open and special enrollment periods.

November 2015

- **American Diabetes Prevention Month**
- **National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month**
- **Lung Cancer Awareness Month**
- **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**
- **National Stomach Cancer Awareness Month**
- **The Great American Smokeout**
- **OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS** – November 1, 2015
- **All Saints Day** – Sunday, November 1, 2015
- **Election Day** – 2nd Tuesday of the month
- **Veterans Day** – November 11
- **Thanksgiving** – 4th Thursday of the month
- **First Sunday of Advent**

December 2015

- **National Safe Toys and Gifts Month**
- **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- **Second Sunday of Advent**
- **Third Sunday of Advent**
- **LAST DAY TO ENROLL FOR COVERED CALIFORNIA COVERAGE TO BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2016** – December 15, 2015

December 2015 (continued)

- **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
- **Christmas**
- **Feast of the Holy Family**
- **Watch Night**

January 2016

- **National Birth Defects Prevention Month**
- **National Glaucoma Awareness Month**
- **National Cervical Health Awareness Month**
- **Epiphany** – Wednesday, January 6, 2016
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** – Monday, January 18, 2016
- **Christian Unity Sunday/Week** – January 18-25, 2016
- **OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS** – January 31, 2016

February 2016

- **American Heart Health Month**
- **African American History Month**
- **St. Valentine's Day** – Sunday, February 14, 2016
- **Presidents' Day** – Monday, February 15, 2016
- **Ash Wednesday** – Wednesday, February 10, 2016

March 2016

- **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**
- **National Endometriosis Awareness Month**
- **National Kidney Month**
- **Multiple Sclerosis Education Month**
- **National Save Your Vision Month**
- **St. Patrick's Day** – Thursday, March 17, 2016
- **Palm Sunday** – Sunday, March 20, 2016
- **Holy (Maundy) Thursday** – Thursday, March 24, 2016
- **Good Friday** – Friday, March 25, 2016
- **Easter** – Sunday, March 27, 2016

April 2016

- **Alcohol Awareness Month**
- **National Autism Awareness Month**
- **National Minority Health Month**
- **STI Awareness Month**
- **Passover** – Friday, April 22 – Saturday, April 30, 2016
- **LAST DAY TO ENROLL IN COVERED CALIFORNIA TO MINIMIZE TAX PENALTIES**
– April 30, 2016

May 2016

- **National High Blood Pressure Education Month**
- **American Stroke Awareness Month**
- **Arthritis Awareness Month**
- **National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month**
- **Hepatitis Awareness Month**
- **Lupus Awareness Month**
- **Ascension Sunday** – Sunday, May 8, 2016
- **Mother's Day** – Sunday, May 8, 2016
- **Pentecost** – Sunday, May 15, 2016
- **Memorial Day** – Monday, May 30, 2016

June 2016

- **National Men's Health Month**
- **National Children's Day** – Sunday, June 12, 2016
- **Father's Day** – Sunday, June 19, 2016

July 2016

- **Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month**
- **Independence Day** – Monday, July 4, 2016

August 2016

- **National Immunization Awareness Month**

September 2016

- **National Prostate Health Month**
- **National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month**
- **National Sickle Cell Month**
- **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month**
- **National Cholesterol Education Month**
- **National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month**
- **Labor Day** – Monday, September 5, 2016
- **Grandparent’s Day** – Sunday, September 11, 2016

October 2016

- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- **National Down Syndrome Awareness Month**
- **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month**
- **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month**
- **Rosh Hashanah** – Monday-Tuesday, October 3-4, 2016
- **Yom Kippur** – Wednesday, October 12, 2016
- **World Communion Sunday** – Sunday, October 2, 2016

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT

You can typically only enroll in a health insurance plan through Covered California during a set time called “Open Enrollment.” Once Open Enrollment ends, you can enroll or make changes to your health insurance plan only if you experienced a *qualifying life event*. In most cases you have 60 days from the date of the qualifying life event to enroll in a health insurance plan or change your existing Covered California plan.