

NEWSLETTER

July - August 2026

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The **NYS Cancer Consortium** is committed to its mission to reduce the human and economic burden of cancer in New York State. It is also committed to its vision that all people concerned about cancer will work collaboratively to implement the Cancer Plan while respecting the diversity within New York.

Stay up to date with issues that may impact cancer control by connecting with key partners such as:

- * [American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network](#)
- * [Susan G. Komen Center for Public Policy](#)

The Consortium recognizes the following opportunities for advocacy and recognition during **July and August:**

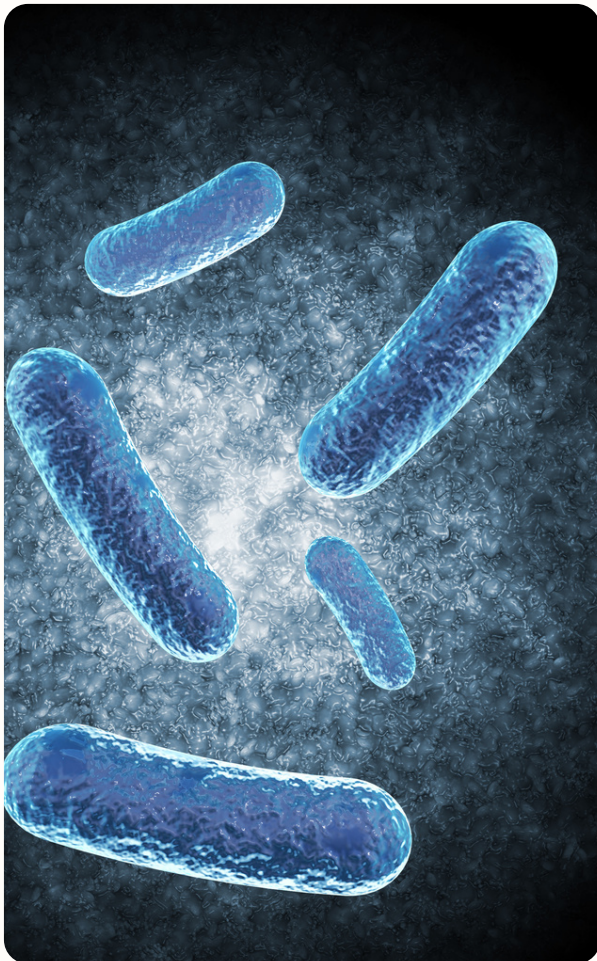
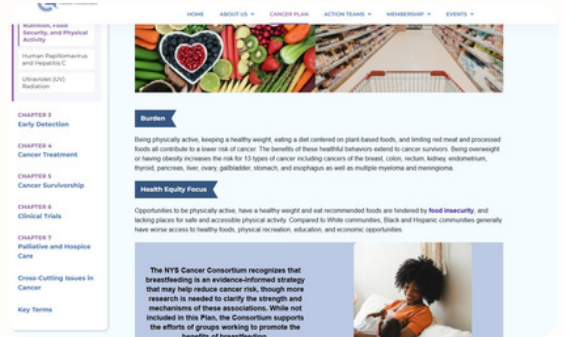
- * **July:** UV Safety Month, Start at 9, and Sarcoma & Bone Cancer Awareness Month
- * **August:** National Immunization Awareness Month and World Lung Cancer Day 8/1

CONSORTIUM NEWS

Exciting News - Release of new Cancer Plan!

Interactive Webpage: [PDF Version](#)

The Consortium is pleased to announce the release of the 2025-2030 Cancer Plan. Alongside this release, we are excited to share that the Consortium is developing an interactive webpage to ensure that our audience can navigate the Plan with ease.



Vibriosis and Cancer

Vibriosis is a bacterial infection caused by *Vibrio* bacteria. The bacteria thrive in warm waters and are found in highest numbers from May through October. People can get vibriosis from eating raw or undercooked shellfish (especially oysters) or by exposing an open wound to brackish water (a mixture of saltwater and freshwater). Symptoms typically occur between 12 to 72 hours after exposure and can include watery diarrhea, abdominal cramps, nausea, fever, chills, and skin, ear, or wound infections.

Vibriosis and Cancer Con't

What is the Risk of Infection?

Vibrio parahaemolyticus is the most common type of *Vibrio* found in the United States and is generally associated with mild to moderately severe symptoms¹. Individuals with this type of vibriosis usually recover on their own without major health issues. However, certain types of vibriosis infections, like those caused by *Vibrio vulnificus* bacteria, may lead to serious complications such as bloodstream infections, hospitalizations, and even death².

Health care providers and caregivers should be aware that individuals with a weakened immune system or who have certain underlying medical conditions may be at increased risk for *Vibrio* infection and severe health outcomes. People with weakened immune systems include those with cancer, who have a history of cancer, or who are undergoing cancer treatment. While anyone can be affected by vibriosis, cancer is one of the most common underlying health conditions reported by individuals hospitalized with vibriosis in New York State. People with a history of cancer are also 1.5 times more likely to die if infected with *Vibrio vulnificus*.²

To help prevent vibriosis, people should avoid raw or undercooked seafood, make sure raw seafood and its drippings do not contaminate other foods, and avoid going in brackish water with an open wound (cuts, scrapes, recent piercings or tattoos, etc.) or protect the wound with a waterproof bandage. If symptoms occur after any of these exposures, it is important to consult a health care provider promptly.

Health care providers with patients who have cancer and symptoms of vibriosis should ask about recent exposure to raw seafood or brackish water. Treatment should be initiated as soon as *Vibrio vulnificus* is suspected rather than waiting for laboratory confirmation as disease progression can be rapid, particularly from wound infections.

Additional information about vibriosis can be found here:

- * New York State Department of Health: [Vibriosis Fact Sheet](#)
- * U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention : [About Vibrio Infection](#)

¹Heymann, D. (2015). Control of Communicable Diseases Manual. (20th Edition). American Public Health Association.

² Hast, M., Baker-Austin, C., Lake, I. R., Paromita, P., Cui, Z., Jones, N. R., ... Hughes, M. J. (2026). *Vibrio vulnificus* epidemiology and risk factors for mortality in the United States, 2000–2022. *Infectious Diseases*, 58(2), 209–220.

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Social Media

Let's Engage and Educate the Public about Cancer Prevention and Control

Please join the NYS Cancer Consortium in its efforts to reach the public with its evidence-based messaging via [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), by following our handle, **@nyscancerconsortium**.

Follow us!

We will be sharing updates, including highlights for cancer awareness months and NYSCC Action Team projects, along with other exciting initiatives.



WEBINAR

On July 14th, the Consortium had its first session of the 2026 Webinar Series. This session was created to generate enthusiasm about the latest NYS Cancer Control Plan and empower partners to actively engage in its implementation.

If you have missed any of our previous sessions, please visit [Quarterly Member Meeting Series | New York State Cancer Consortium](#) to view the recordings and session slides.

Please visit the [events page](#) on the Consortium's website periodically for any updates and register for this series.

Meetings and Training Opportunities

If you would like to promote your event, please reach out to the Consortium via [email](#).

Please visit the "[Meetings and Trainings of Interest](#)" page on the [Consortium website](#). This regularly updated resource highlights a variety of meetings, training sessions, webinars, and events organized by our partners.



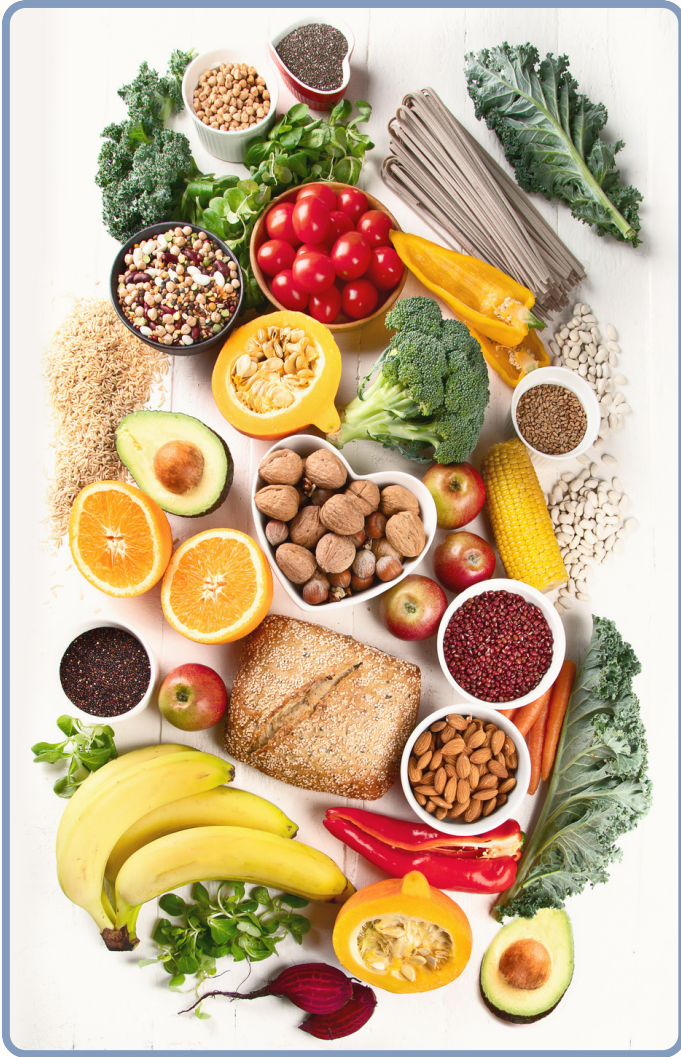
AROUND NEW YORK STATE



The New York State Department of Health would like to remind New Yorkers to protect their skin from ultraviolet radiation (UV rays) this summer. Skin cancer, caused by UV rays from the sun, tanning beds or sunlamps, is deadly and can occur anywhere on the body.

[NYS Department of Health Guidance to Protect Yourself from Skin Cancer](#)

DATA REPORTS AND OTHER RESOURCES



NYS Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Brief - 2024

This [report](#) provides insights into the prevalence of food security across various demographic groups in New York State. It aims to highlight both progress and existing disparities.

Additional BRFSS briefs are available on the Department's Public Website:

<https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/brfss/reports/index.htm>

County Level Dashboard

NYS Cancer Registry and Cancer Statistics

New this year, is a county level dashboard that shows trends in incidence and mortality for select cancers. The other 14 dashboards that provide a multitude of cancer statistics through 2023, have also been updated.

- * [New York State Cancer Registry and Cancer Statistics](#)
- * [NYS Cancer Data](#)
- * [Learn More about Different Types of Cancers](#)



Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Health Indicators by County and Region

The 2024 Expanded BRFSS county and regional reports were released in June 2026. This release provides county and regional data on 38 health indicators.

Data from the 2013-2014 New York Expanded Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (eBRFSS) Survey and the 2016, 2018, 2021 and 2024 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System were used to generate percentages of adult (18+) NYS residents for various health indicators for a range of geographies

https://health.data.ny.gov/Health/Behavioral-Risk-Factor-Surveillance-System-BRFSS-H/jsy7-eb4n/about_data



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