

New York State Cancer Consortium

NYSCC Newsletter

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
If you have any successes, reports, and/or trainings you would like to share, please send them to cancerconsortium@health.ny.gov

CONSORTIUM NEWS/UPDATES



Consortium Educational Sessions:
Click on the Links Below for Recordings of Recent Consortium and Action Team Meetings
The next Quarterly Member Meeting series will begin in December.

- ["Nobody Told Me I Needed To Be Screened" a presentation by the Colorectal Cancer action team](#)
- [Survivorship Action Team ECHO Series](#)
- [Enhancing Wellness through Nutrition, Activity, and Policy for Cancer Patients and Survivors, presented by the Healthy Eating and Active Living \(HEAL\)](#)
- [Environmental Carcinogens Action Team: The Consortium in Action](#)
- [New York State Cancer Consortium Survivorship Action Team: NYS Cancer Survivorship: Improving Care, Bolstering our Workforce](#)
- [Lung Cancer Screening Action Team: The Consortium in Action](#)
- [Taking a Jab at Cancer Prevention: Closing the HPV Vaccination Gap](#)

The Consortium recognizes the following opportunities for advocacy and recognition during May and June:
July: Cord Blood Awareness Month, National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, Disability Pride Month
August: World Lung Cancer Day (8/1), National Health Center Week, National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Consortium Workgroups
The Consortium is looking for new members to participate in two workgroups to help educate and engage New Yorkers in the Consortium, the [Cancer Plan](#) and reducing the burden of cancer.

- The [Member Engagement](#) Workgroup meets monthly to plan and implement activities to educate and connect with Consortium members, including planning the Consortium [Quarterly Meetings](#). This workgroup identifies topic areas and content experts to address Cancer Plan priorities.
- The [Communications](#) Workgroup helps develop and plan communications to promote the Cancer Plan and the work of Consortium members in support of the Cancer Plan.

If you are interested in learning more about, or joining either of these groups, please email cancerconsortium@health.ny.gov.

The mission of the Consortium is to reduce the human and economic burden of cancer in NYS. Information in this email is provided as a resource to members of the New York State Cancer Consortium on topics related to the New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. The views, opinions, and content included in this e-mail are those of the authors or event hosts and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the New York State Department of Health or the New York State Cancer Consortium.

Become a member today!
The more we work together, the greater impact we will have towards preventing and controlling cancer in New York State.
[Join Here](#)

UV Safety Month

The [UV Index](#) predicts the ultraviolet radiation levels on a 1-11+ scale and can help determine appropriate sun-protective behaviors. Overexposure to UV radiation can cause immediate effects such as sunburn and long-term problems such as skin cancer and cataracts. The UV Index provides important information to help you plan your outdoor activities to prevent overexposure to the sun's rays. Here are a few ways to stay sun safe!

- Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants, and a wide-brimmed hat. This will give you the best protection. If you're wearing a baseball cap or a short-sleeved shirt, make sure to put sunscreen on your ears, neck, and arms.
- Stay in the shade as much as possible between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. These are peak times for sunlight.
- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen on any exposed skin. Be sure it is at least SPF 15. Apply the sunscreen to dry skin 15-30 minutes before going outdoors. Re-apply it every two hours – and after swimming, sweating, or toweling off.
- Wear extra sun-protective clothing around surfaces like snow, sand, water, and concrete. These reflect the sun's rays and could increase your risk of sunburn.
- If you work outdoors, ask about sun protection at your job, like wearing sun-protective clothing.
- Follow these tips on cloudy days, too! Clouds do not block most UV rays.

Exposure Category	Index Number	Sun Protection Messages
LOW	<2	You can safely enjoy being outside. Wear sunglasses on bright days. If you burn easily, cover up and use sunscreen SPF 15+ . In winter, reflection off snow can nearly double UV strength.
MODERATE	3-5	Take precautions if you will be outside, such as wearing a hat and sunglasses and using sunscreen SPF 30+ . Reduce your exposure to the sun's most intense UV radiation by seeking shade during midday hours.
HIGH	6-7	Protection against sun damage is needed. Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses, use sunscreen SPF 30+ and wear a long-sleeved shirt and pants when practical. Reduce your exposure to the sun's most intense UV radiation by seeking shade during midday hours.
VERY HIGH	8-10	Protection against sun damage is needed. If you need to be outside during midday hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., take steps to reduce sun exposure. A shirt, hat and sunscreen are a must, and be sure you seek shade. Beachgoers should know that white sand and other bright surfaces reflect UV and can double UV exposure.
EXTREME	11+	Protection against sun damage is needed. If you need to be outside during midday hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., take steps to reduce sun exposure. A shirt, hat and sunscreen are a must, and be sure you seek shade. Beachgoers should know that white sand and other bright surfaces reflect UV and can double UV exposure.

- Avoid [indoor tanning](#).



"Get Offline, Get Outside" Campaign

In addition to waiving state park pool fees, New York's "Get Offline, Get Outside" campaign includes a pilot program to offer **FREE sunscreen at state park pools** to stay safe in the sun and enjoy the outdoors.

The 33 included sites are:

Hudson Valley	Mohawk Valley
Bear Mountain State Park Pool	Mine Kill State Park Pool
FDR State Park Pool	Southern Tier
High Tor State Park Pool	Watkins Glen State Park Pool
Rockland Lake State Park Pool	Finger Lakes
New York City	Letchworth State Park Pool
Roberto Clemente State Park Pool	Western New York
Riverbank State Park Pools (Indoor and Outdoor)	Fort Niagara State Park Pool
Long Island	North Country
Jones Beach State Park West Bathhouse Pool Montauk Downs State Park Pool	Keewaydin State Park Pool
Capital Region	Saratoga Spa State Park Pools (Peerless and Victoria)

New York State's Cancer Prevention in Action program supports local efforts to increase the adoption of sun safety policies and practices in community settings. More information [can be found here](#).
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In addition, Consortium Action Teams come together to address some of New York's highest burden of preventable cancers, including a [Skin Cancer Action Team](#).

Start at 9 / National Immunization Awareness Month

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Celebrate National Immunization Awareness Month by helping more kids prevent future cancer
The [NYS HPV Coalition](#), an Action Team of the NYS Cancer Consortium, has a campaign to [start the HPV vaccination series at age 9](#) to increase on-time vaccination by age 13.

HPV vaccination completion rates in NYS are less than 40% by age 13. Recent evidence shows that starting the series at age 9 increases on-time completion rates for the 2-dose series.

To learn more, check out this [compilation slide deck](#) from the recent NYS HPV Vaccination Summit and this newly updated [HPV vaccination flyer](#).

Go to <https://www.nyshpv.org/856-2/> where your organization can join the 57 health organizations in NYS that have already endorsed starting at 9.



Public Health Successes and Opportunities

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Legislation Requires Employers to Provide 30 Minutes of Paid Break Time for Employees to Express Breast Milk

A New York State law went into effect June 18th that requires employers to provide 30 minutes of paid break time for employees to express breast milk. This mandate applies whenever employees have a reasonable need to express breast milk and extends up to three years following childbirth.

Breastfeeding plays a role in cancer prevention for infants and mothers. Breastfed babies have a reduced risk of childhood obesity and are more likely to have a healthy weight than non-breast-fed babies. For women, breastfeeding can help control weight and can also reduce the risk of developing breast and ovarian cancers. Increasing breastfeeding is an objective of the [NYS Comprehensive Cancer Plan](#).



For more information on the legislation please visit [Breast Milk Expression in the Workplace | Department of Labor \(ny.gov\)](#)

New York State Senate Votes to Improve Access to Lung Cancer Screening

Every year, around 14,000 New Yorkers are diagnosed with lung cancer, and the five-year lung cancer survival rate in New York is only 32.1%. Fortunately, the ability to detect lung cancer early can have a dramatic effect on survival. The New York State Senate passed legislation that would eliminate cost-sharing for lung cancer screening and follow-up tests. Senate Bill 8553-A received bipartisan support for the proposal impacting all payers in New York, including Medicaid. The legislation is currently in [committee in the Assembly](#).

[Click for full press release](#)



Put Health Equity into Action by Joining and promoting VOICES of Black Women

The statistics are undeniable: Black women face a higher likelihood of advanced cancer diagnoses and are at increased risk of death from cancer, cardiovascular disease, or childbirth. **But this doesn't have to be the future.** Black Women's voices can be the driving force behind a transformative, more equitable health reality through VOICES of Black Women, a long-term health study led by the American Cancer Society and fueled by the powerful voices of Black women across the US.

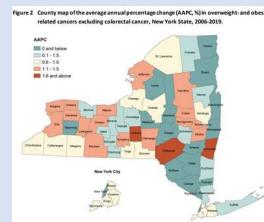
Visit [voices.cancer.org](#) to learn more about study participation, who is eligible for the study, and join today!

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The [Trends in Overweight- and Obesity-Related Cancers in New York State, 2006-2020](#) report was recently released.

The report describes trends in overweight- and obesity-related cancers among New Yorkers and provides information on New York State Department of Health initiatives to combat and prevent obesity.

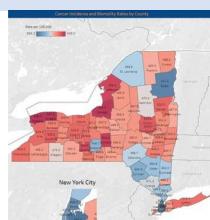


The [Citywide Colon Cancer Control Coalition \(C5\)](#) created the below videos featuring physicians from NYU Grossman School of Medicine and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Please consider using them in your clinical or community setting to help educate people about colorectal cancer screening.

English: [Citywide Colorectal_English_v240322a.mp4](#) ([dropbox.com](#))
Spanish: [Citywide Colorectal_Spanish_v240322a.mp4](#) ([dropbox.com](#))

The [New York State Quitline](#) has new resources on the how [menthol makes the use of tobacco products more addictive](#) and more harmful as well as on targeting of tobacco marketing at [LGBTQIA2S+, Black, African American, Hispanic, and Latinx](#) communities.

Find out more about these and other Quitline resources by visiting [nysmokefree.com](#).



The [New York State Cancer Registry](#) is pleased to announce the release of our updated cancer statistics. The most recent year for which data on new cases and cancer deaths are available is 2021. For the first time, we have published our data using interactive dashboards, including cancer incidence, mortality, trends, stage at cancer diagnosis and prevalence information. The dashboards are organized according to the geography at which the statistics are available.

We hope you find these new interactive dashboards helpful! In addition, this page also includes a link to our public use cancer data files:

<https://health.ny.gov/statistics/cancer/registry/>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released updated [United States Cancer Statistics](#), the official federal cancer statistics, as well as updated [data visualizations tools](#) to provide information on newly diagnosed cancer cases and cancer deaths.

The data show that the number of new cancer cases diagnosed in 2021 was higher than in 2020 but was slightly lower than pre-pandemic trends. Read the [USCS Data brief](#) for highlights from the 2021 data, which combines cancer registry data from [CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries \(NPCR\)](#) and the National Cancer Institute's [Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results \(SEER\) Program](#) and mortality data from [CDC's National Center for Health Statistics](#).



Funding Opportunities

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity

This funding is geared toward studies about "upstream" causes of health inequities, such as the systems, structures, laws, policies, norms, and practices that determine the distribution of resources and opportunities, which in turn influence individuals' options and behaviors.

[Click to Apply \(Open Until Filled\)](#)

Call for Service Provision on "Revolutionizing Cancer Patient Care"

The primary objective of this call is to improve treatment and patients' outcome through innovative ways to address clinical trials and research.

[Click to Apply](#)

Submission Deadline: August 28th, 2pm CEST

Equity in Access Research Grants

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society invites Letters of Intent for the Equity in Access Research Program under the Request for Proposals: **Building Evidence for Effective Interventions to Increase Therapeutic Cancer Clinical Trial Accrual: Promoting Access for Patients from Underrepresented Groups**

[Click to Apply](#)

Submission Deadline: September 12th

Addressing Barriers to Healthcare Transitions for Survivors of Childhood and Adolescent Cancers (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Through request for applications, the NCI intends to support multi-level intervention studies that address individual and system level barriers to transition from pediatric to adult care for survivors of childhood and adolescent cancers. The goal is to support the development and testing of interventions and strategies that promote high-quality transitional care and continued engagement of survivors of childhood and adolescent cancers to ensure these survivors receive appropriate surveillance and care into adulthood

[Click to Apply](#)

Submission Deadline: October 11th

Meetings & Trainings of Interest

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Veterans Affairs Expanding Access to Cancer Care

July 16th, 11:00 AM

Watch this conversation about how as part of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy's Cancer Moonshot Initiative, Veterans Affairs is taking every opportunity to expand access to best-in-class cancer care for Veterans enrolled in our equal access health care system.

[Click for video access](#)

[Click for more Cancer Moonshot Conversations](#)

Cancer Moonshot: Partnering to Understand Environmental Exposures in Cancer

July 16th, 1:00 PM

During this event, panelists will discuss approaches that can be taken to support connections between health officials, healthcare providers, patients & families, and their advocates to better understand and address concerns around cancer and the environment across communities in the United States.

[Register Now](#)

Department of Labor's White House Cancer Cabinet

July 17th, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Join a panel of experts from the Labor Department to discuss ways in which the Department is protecting the rights of patients and caregivers.

[Click to View](#)

Promoting Colorectal Cancer Screening in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church Community

July 17th, 1-2pm EST

During the webinar you'll learn about ACS's pilot project to develop and disseminate tailored colorectal cancer screening messaging in partnership with African American faith leaders from the Atlanta East District of the AME Church.

[Register here](#)

Department of Energy's World-Leading Computers Support Path to Improved Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment

July 17th, 1:00 PM

In this conversation participants will discuss how the world's most powerful computers and novel artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities at the DOE laboratories are being used to develop improved methods for cancer diagnosis and treatment.

[Register Now](#)

National Disability Inclusion Network Webinar

July 23rd, 2:00 PM

The training will introduce tobacco control and cancer prevention professionals to fundamental concepts and strategies for including people with disabilities throughout their work.

[Register Here](#)

Pediatric, Adolescent, and Young Adult Cancer Survivorship ECHO

July 24th 12:00 PM

Session 1 Overview of Survivorship for Pediatric, Adolescent, and Young Adult Cancers

[Click here to register for the series.](#)

ACS NCCRT New Resource Webinar: Colorectal Cancer Data Dashboard

July 25th, 1:00-2:00 PM

The Colorectal Cancer Data Dashboard, which offers an interactive geospatial view of data pertaining to colorectal cancer in the United States. Learn how to use the tool and hear an example of how mapping tools like this can be used to tailor interventions to increase colorectal cancer screening and impact outcomes in local areas.

[Colorectal Cancer Data Dashboard](#)

[Register now](#)

Navigating Current Issues in Cancer: Social Determinants of Health

July 25th, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

The webinar aims to define and discuss the impact of social determinants on cancer care, explore strategies to advance health equity, and educate on evidence-based interventions to eliminate disparities. The session will cover a range of topics, including screening for health-related social needs and addressing those needs through community partnerships and other program resources.

Two CMEs will be available from the American Academy of Family Physicians.

[Visit to Register](#)

Enabling 21st Century Applications for Cancer Surveillance through Enhanced Registries and Beyond: A Workshop

NASEM Event, Keck Center 500 5th St NW, Washington DC 20001

July 29-30

The National Cancer Policy Forum will convene a public workshop to examine opportunities to enhance and modernize cancer surveillance in order to improve cancer research, care, and outcomes for all patients.

[Register Here](#)

Accessing Cancer Care Across the Continuum: Resources for Your Coalition Partners

ACS Webinar

Aug 14th, 1:00 PM

Join us for this 3-part series, which will provide attendees with increased awareness of best practices, innovative approaches, and quality resources that will support your coalition efforts to increase access to cancer care across the continuum.

[Register Here](#)

CEACR Webinar Series: Moving from Knowledge to Action: Using Research to Change Policy and Practice

NIH CEAL Event

Aug 14th, 1:00 PM

In this webinar, participants will learn how to leverage research findings for relevant and applied social change. This session will identify strategies to use theories, models, and frameworks to conceptualize policy's role in Dissemination & Implementation efforts in meaningful ways to accelerate the public health impact of evidence-based policies or practices.

[Register Here](#)

Celebration of Survivorship

Adelphi University

October 17th, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Annual Gala with an inspirational panel of speakers

During the event, a diverse panel of speakers will share their breast cancer journey and provide inspiration and empowerment.

[Register Here](#)

Promoting Non-Invasive CRC Screening

In partnership with the American Cancer Society National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable

August 14, 2024 1:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

Free Upcoming CancerCare Connect® Education Workshops

CancerCare offers free workshops on a variety of cancer-related topics. Workshops take place over the telephone or as a webcast online. For details and to register for a workshop, call 1-800-813-HOPE, or visit the CancerCare website at www.cancercare.org/connect.

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