

New York State



Cancer Consortium

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NYSCC NEWSLETTER

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 November and December.

November: The Great American Smokeout, National Healthy Skin Month, Bladder Health Month, National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, National Stomach Cancer Awareness Month, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

December: National Influenza Vaccination Week

RECOGNIZING AWARENESS MONTHS

Lung Cancer Awareness

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November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. In New York State, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths. This month, advocates encourage communities to participate in educational activities, fund research initiatives, and support individuals affected by lung cancer.

[Lung Cancer Awareness Month | American Lung Association](#)

[Find a Shine a Light on Lung Cancer® Event](#)

[ScreenYourLungs.org | Lung Cancer Screening](#)

American Lung Association Releases 2025 “State of Lung Cancer” Report



The “State of Lung Cancer” report explores how lung cancer varies by state. Learn how lung cancer is affecting New York by viewing the report.

[State Data | New York | American Lung Association](#)

American Cancer Society: A Lung Cancer Screening Guide for Cancer Coalitions



This resource is designed to share information relevant to cancer control planning. It includes guidelines, data, opportunities to engage partners, and interventions to activate and advance lung cancer screening initiatives.

[A Lung Cancer Screening Guide for Cancer Coalitions](#)

Health Equity and Cancer Miniseries - Survivorship



Please join us at the next session of the [Health Equity and Cancer Miniseries](#) on **November 20th, 2025, at 11 AM**. This session will be in a panel discussion with two cancer survivors:

- **Jennie Flanagan** - Cancer Survivor and Chief Operating Officer at Community Health Center of the North Country
- **Megan-Claire Chase** - Cancer Survivor and Breast Cancer Program Director

If you missed any sessions, please visit the [Quarterly Member Meeting Series](#) to view all past session recordings and slide decks.

Social Media – Let’s Engage and Educate the Public about Cancer Prevention and Control



Join the NYS Cancer Consortium in its efforts to reach the public with its evidence-based messaging via [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) by following our handle, [@nyscancerconsortium](#). You can also connect with the Consortium on [BlueSky](#), [@nyscc.sky.social](#). We'll be sharing updates, like highlights for cancer awareness months and Action Team projects, along with other exciting initiatives. Join us in spreading the word and making a difference!

Meetings and Training Opportunities



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

CALL FOR ACTION

Boost HPV Vaccine Coverage

[Leading cancer organizations call for action to boost HPV vaccine coverage](#)

Cancer centers in New York State have joined leading cancer organization's call to action to boost HPV vaccination. HPV vaccination is safe and effective in preventing six types of cancer. The call to action promoting HPV vaccination strongly advocates for several key initiatives:

- Health care systems' staff and providers should immediately identify and contact parents and caregivers of age-eligible children who are due for HPV vaccination and encourage them to complete vaccinations.
- Parents and caregivers should have their age-eligible children vaccinated as soon as possible.
- Talk with family members and friends about HPV vaccination. Share the facts about HPV vaccination as cancer prevention.
- Learn more about HPV vaccination from the CDC, American Cancer Society (ACS), ACS National HPV Vaccination Roundtable, and American Academy of Pediatrics.

WHATS GOING ON IN NEW YORK STATE

E-Cigarette Use (Vaping)



E-cigarette use (vaping) continues to be common among young people. To help address this public health concern, the [New York State Quitline](#) (NYS Quitline) is offering a free and confidential texting program called [Drop-The-Vape](#). The program is designed specifically for young people and provides skill-building to help individuals overcome nicotine addiction.

Posters, palm cards, and rack cards to encourage young people to sign up for Drop-The-Vape and get help to quit vaping are available. The materials are available for **FREE** to view, download, and print and can be ordered through the NYS Department of Health's distribution center by completing the order form [here](#).

New York State Surpasses National Breast Cancer Screening Goals



The New York State Department of Health announced that the state has surpassed the national breast cancer screening goal for the first time since 2020, with 81.9% of females aged 50-74 up to date on screenings. This reflects dedicated efforts to enhance access, particularly in underserved communities.

State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald highlighted the significance of earlier cancer detection. In 2024, Governor Hochul expanded insurance coverage for breast cancer screenings and related services. Breast cancer remains a major concern in New York, with around 17,000 diagnoses and 2,500 deaths each year. One in eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime, making it the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women in the state.

[New York State Surpasses National Breast Cancer Screening Goals](#)

New York State Tobacco Control Program



[Tobacco Control Program StatShot, High School Youth Tobacco Use Continues to Decline, One in Six Youth Still Use Tobacco](#),

DATA REPORTS AND OTHER RESOURCES

Are you ready to quit smoking or want to cut down?



[Quit Smoking Booklet](#)

The Center for Black Health & Equity



The purpose of the **National Menthol Strategy** is to provide direction and guidance on menthol-related issues impacting African Americans and other communities of color. This document provides appropriate federal and local strategies and policy recommendations.

[National Menthol Strategy - The Center for Black Health & Equity](#)

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining any of these incredible teams, please visit [the Consortium's Become a Member Page!](#)

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