

The Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer Screening: Addressing Missed Screenings to Reduce Mortality

At the onset of the pandemic, cancer screenings were largely put on hold to prioritize urgent needs and reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 in health care settings. As a result, cancer screenings have substantially decreased, which raises serious concerns that deadly cancers could go undetected.

Please join the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) for a panel discussion about the impacts of COVID-19 on cancer screening with a particular focus on how health disparities may be exacerbating the pandemic's effects. Panelists will outline current issues, discuss the U.S. response to the pandemic, and provide lessons learned for the future.

Wednesday, March 24 11:00am – 12:00pm Virtual Briefing

Opening Remarks: Rep. Brian Higgins, House Cancer Caucus Co-Chair

Panelists:

Dr. William Cance, Chief Medical and Scientific Officer, American Cancer Society

Dr. Lisa Richardson, Director, CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control

Dr. Ned Sharpless, Director, National Cancer Institute

Moderator: Lisa Lacasse, President, ACS CAN

Please find the American Cancer Society Facts & Figures 2021 Special Section, <u>COVID-19 and Cancer</u>, which discusses the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people living with cancer, cancer surveillance capabilities, and the overall American health system.

Please <u>register</u> by March 22, 2021. Once you register, a link to this virtual event will be emailed to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Powers at caroline.powers@cancer.org.