

COVID-19 and the Importance of Safe Cancer Screenings

Screening means getting your body checked for cancer even if you don't have symptoms. Screening increases the chances of finding certain cancers early when they are most likely to be treated successfully.

Why continue cancer screenings during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Cancer doesn't stop during a pandemic.
- Being at high risk for cancer doesn't change during a pandemic.
- Cancer screenings can lead to early detection.
- Early detection often decreases the need for complex medical treatments.
- Holistic care is the cornerstone of well-being and cancer screenings are a key part of whole-person health.

Questions to ask your screening site.*

- Are all staff screened for COVID-19?
- Are staff members required to wear masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) throughout the facility?
- What are the cleaning practices of the facility, both in the waiting area and the procedure rooms?
- Does the facility have procedures to minimize contact during check in and check out?
- Do they limit the number of patients who can be in the waiting room at one time?
- Are there limitations on the number of individuals who can accompany the patient?
- Are patients screened for COVID-19 before entering the facility or prior to their screening?
- Are masks and hand sanitizers available for patient use?
- Are patient areas designed to keep patients six feet apart?

*If the answer to any of the above questions is no, please speak to the management of the facility or contact your Work Stride oncology nurse navigator to identify a different facility to visit for screening.

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