

A Call to Action: What New Yorkers Can Do to Reduce the Burden of Cancer

The New York State Cancer Consortium believes that preventing and controlling cancer requires individuals and organizations of all kinds to get involved and make contributions— however small they may seem. The following activities list some of the many ways in which local health departments can make a difference in their communities. Use these suggested activities and pledge to take action today.



- Support policy, environmental, and systems changes for cancer prevention and control.
- Provide information about cancer prevention and screening programs in the community.
- Partner with local healthcare systems to provide patient navigation services for clients and access to low-cost cancer screening.
- Provide access to low-cost radon test kits.
- Collaborate on community wellness activities and awareness events.
- Provide meeting space for cancer support and survivorship groups.



- Promote healthy practices among community members by promoting tobacco cessation and providing healthy foods at activities and events.
- Provide cancer prevention information to members and clients.
- Partner with local healthcare partners to provide programs in the community on cancer prevention and screening, especially among local populations facing health disparities.
- Sponsor a health fair, cancer awareness campaign, or community forum in collaboration with community partners.
- Promote or provide activities specifically for cancer survivors and their families.
- Encourage participation in clinical trials.

As a local health department, I pledge to do the following to reduce the burden of cancer:
