

COVID-19  
Has Not Stopped  
Colorectal Cancer:

**GET  
SCREENED**



Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, CRC screening rates have drastically declined. According to the American Cancer Society, there was an estimated **90% drop in colonoscopies and biopsies** last spring compared to the same time period in 2019.

**CANCER SCREENING SAVES LIVES**

# OUR LIVES ARE

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**Make a plan.** Screening decisions will likely vary by community while the pandemic continues.

# 45 YRS

**Colorectal cancer screening should begin at age 45.** Our relatives with increased risk factors for developing CRC may need to begin screening earlier or more often.



**Continue to practice COVID-19 safety measures.** Follow updated COVID-19 prevention recommendations.

American Cancer Society. (2020, October). Promoting Colorectal Cancer Screening During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Learn more about colorectal cancer and screening options at [AmericanIndianCancer.org](https://AmericanIndianCancer.org)

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