

# COVID-19 Pandemic and Cancer Screening

## COVID-19 IMPACT ON CANCER SCREENING

**9.4 million missed screenings** for breast, colorectal, and prostate cancers in 2020 in the U.S.



## THE RETURN-TO-SCREENING PROGRAM

A collaborative effort between public health-focused professional organizations to increase the uptake of cancer screening:



### Participants:

748 cancer facilities across the U.S.



### Timeframe:

June through November 2021



### Purpose:

Increase the rate of up-to-date breast, cervical, colorectal, and lung cancer screening



### Percentage of facilities with monthly screening deficits:

- Breast cancer – 55.3 percent
- Cervical cancer – 69 percent
- Colorectal cancer – 80.6 percent
- Lung cancer – 44.6 percent



### Strategies to raise awareness of cancer screening:

- Social media campaigns
- Patient and provider education



### Goal:

70,000 additional cancer screenings per month by the end of the 6-month period.