

Pathfinder Series: COVID-19 and Cancer

The internet is full of information about cancer and other health topics, which can be overwhelming. This pathfinder provides information about COVID-19 and cancer resources available on the internet that are well researched, reliable and will provide patients and their families with the most accurate and up-to-date information.

Websites

Cancer and COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

<https://cancer.ca/en/living-with-cancer/how-we-can-help/cancer-and-covid19>

The Canadian Cancer Society answers questions such as “Are people with cancer at higher risk?”, “How do I register to get vaccinated?”, and “How can a mask protect me?”

Cancer and COVID-19 webinar series

<https://www.cancer.ca/en/support-and-services/resources/cancer-and-covid19-webinar-series/?region=on>

Available from the Canadian Cancer Society, these webinars are presented by expert speakers and include topics such as staying safe, coping, caring for a loved one, and living with added uncertainty and isolation.

Community Support during COVID-19

<https://www.ocsa.on.ca/covid-19>

The Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) helps individuals with chronic medical conditions get meals, groceries, medicine and other essentials. They work with Meals on Wheels as well as other partners across the province.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) – People at Increased Risk

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>

This information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides tips on how to stay healthy and reduce your risk.

Coronavirus: What People With Cancer Should Know

<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/coronavirus/coronavirus-cancer-patient-information>

The National Cancer Institute answers some frequently asked questions including “Am I at higher risk?” and “Who should get an additional dose of the vaccine?”

COVID-19 and Cancer: What You Need to Know

<https://www.cancercareontario.ca/en/cancer-treatments/covid19-cancer>

This two-page handout from Ontario Health (formerly Cancer Care Ontario) provides advice about tests and treatments, safety measures in hospitals, support, and links to more information.

COVID-19 Cancer Patient Support Hub

<https://covid19oncologyresources.ca/>

This website was created by a task force made up of Canadian patient organizations. It offers information and resources about mental health & wellness as well as practical support.

How to Support Someone Facing Cancer During COVID-19

<https://sarahcannon.com/blog/entry/how-to-support-someone-facing-cancer-during-covid-19>

This blog post from the Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute addresses how cancer patients are being impacted by the pandemic and offers helpful suggestions on how to comfort someone who is facing cancer during this time.

Vulnerable Populations and COVID-19

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/vulnerable-populations-covid-19.html>

This Public Health Agency of Canada information outlines who is at high risk and provides suggestions on how organizations can support vulnerable populations.