

The Cancer Coalition Website has Improved!

Visit www.cancersd.com to see the updates.

The Coalition Communication and Membership Cross Cutting Committee has been hard at work updating the format and content within the Cancer Coalition website, and are pleased to share the updated website with the coalition. Consider featuring your events on the website by clicking the "[Submit Your Event](#)" tab, or sharing the work your organization is doing to reduce the burden of cancer in South Dakota by filling in a section on the "[Events: Promote Your Work](#)" tab. We hope you will find the updated website helpful and consider referring others to the page frequently when sharing about the work of the coalition.

SWOT Analysis

Results of the analysis that was performed at the fall meeting

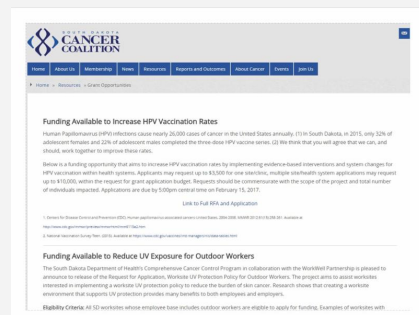
During the Cancer Coalition Fall Meeting, members provided feedback on one area of a brief SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis. All results were reviewed and prioritized by the Steering Committee. The following recommended action steps came from the analysis:

- **Recruitment:** Gaps in membership were identified as a weakness of the coalition, including a lack of diversity, missing geographic representation, and few cancer survivors.
- **Retention:** Members identified that the priority task force structure could lead to losing members who may only be interested in specific areas.
- **Promotion:** A need was identified to promote the Cancer Coalition to a broader audience.
- **Synergy:** Consider replicating successful projects in other areas of the state.

Click [here](#) to read the full report. If you are interested in working to improve any of these areas, please contact [Sarah Quail](#) to join the Coalition Membership and Communication Cross Cutting Committee.

Funding Opportunities Available

Two new funding opportunities have been released by Cancer Coalition Task Forces. The first is targeted at health systems interested in increasing HPV vaccination rates through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and system changes. The second opportunity is aimed at worksites to protect their outdoor workers by implementing a UV protection policy. Visit www.cancersd.com to access the RFA and Application for both opportunities.



CDC Updates Recommendations on HPV Vaccine

Adolescents younger than age 15 need only two doses of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, given at least 6 months apart, instead of three doses, according to new recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Teenagers and young adults between ages 15 and 26 and people with weakened

immune systems who start the HPV vaccine series should still get three doses of the vaccine to prevent cancers associated with HPV infection, the CDC and ACIP said. Read the full [MMWR](#) for more information.

Surgeon General: Youth e-Cig Use 'Major Public Health Concern'

In a newly released report, the U.S. Surgeon General is calling the skyrocketing use of e-cigarettes among the nation's kids, teens, and young adults a major public health concern. Use of e-cigarettes has more than tripled among middle school and high school students since 2011, with 16% of high school students reporting use of a vaping product within the past 30 days in 2015 and 40% reporting having used e-cigarettes at least once. To read the entire story, click [here](#), or refer to the full [Surgeon General's Report](#).

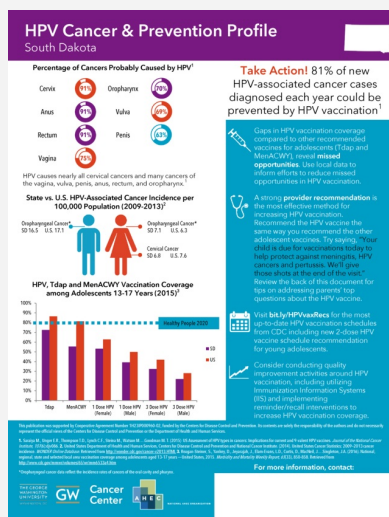


Cancer Death Rate Down 25% Since 1991

According to annual statistics reporting from the American Cancer Society, the death rate from cancer in the U.S. has declined steadily over the past 2.5 decades. The cancer death rate for men and women combined fell 25% from its peak in 1991 to 2014, the most recent year for which data are available. The decline translates to more than 2.1 million deaths averted during this time period. The report also found that racial disparities in cancer death rates are continuing to decline. Read more [here](#).

Updated HPV Cancer & Prevention Profiles

The George Washington Cancer Center released updated HPV Cancer and Prevention Profiles for 2017. These flyers provide a state-specific snapshot of HPV-associated cancers and vaccination rates. The South Dakota HPV cancer and prevention profile includes data on HPV-attributable cancers as well as a SD-specific snapshot of HPV-associated cancers and vaccination rates, including: SD HPV-associated cancer incidence compared to U.S. rates, SD routine vaccination coverage among adolescents 13-17 years compared to U.S. rates and Healthy People 2020 goals, and tips and timesavers for talking with parents about the HPV vaccine. Download the SD profile [here](#).



Congress Passes 21st Century Cures Bill

A bipartisan, \$6.3 billion bill that speeds up drug approvals, funds research in cancer and brain science, strengthens mental healthcare, and combats opioid abuse won overwhelming approval in the Senate December 7. Most of the Cures money - \$4.8 billion - goes to the National Institute of Health (NIH) for research that includes the Cancer Moonshot, the Precision Medicine Initiative, the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) initiative, and regenerative medicine. For the entire story, click [here](#).

Task Force Updates

The **UV Task Force** has released a RFA for worksites to implement a UV protection policy for outdoor workers. Eligible projects will be awarded up to \$1,000. Applications are due February 15 and the project will begin March 1.

The **HPV Task Force** released a RFA for health systems/clinics interested in increasing HPV vaccination rates by implementing evidence-based interventions and system changes. Individual sites/clinics can apply for up to \$3,500, and multiple site/health systems may request up to \$10,000. Applications are due February 15.

The **Breast Cancer Task Force** is currently disseminating the short video and infographic that was developed last year targeting providers across the state and encouraging them to have discussions with their patients about risk-appropriate breast cancer screening. Check out the home page of the [website](#) to view the excellent tools that were created.

The **Colorectal Cancer Task Force** released a call for nominations for the 80% by 2018 SD Colorectal Cancer Screening Achievement Awards that will be presented in March. The Champion of the Year and Partner of the Year awards will recognize colorectal cancer screening success. The program seeks to recognize an individual and an organization that has committed to advancing the shared goal to achieve 80% of adults screened by 2018.

It's Not Too Late to Get Involved!

Not currently participating on a task force or cross cutting committee? Now is the time to join! The work of the SD Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan cannot be accomplished without enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers like yourself. To learn more about each task force and committee, visit www.cancersd.com/membership/task-forces/ or email questions to info@cancersd.com.

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