



## Winter 2025 Newsletter

# We Need You to Help Shape the Next South Dakota Cancer Plan!



The [South Dakota Cancer Plan](#) serves as a roadmap for reducing the burden of cancer across our state, and your input is needed through a [short survey](#).

As we begin the process of updating the plan for 2026-2030, feedback from coalition partners is critical to ensuring that it reflects the most pressing needs, priorities, and opportunities in cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, and survivorship.

Coalition partners are invited to complete the [brief survey](#) to share your insights and expertise. Your feedback will help shape the strategies and goals that drive our collective work over the next five years.

The Cancer Coalition is seeking dedicated members to join the advisory board responsible for creating the upcoming 2026-2030 South Dakota Cancer Plan.

This is a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact on cancer prevention, treatment, and survivorship in our state. The advisory board plays a critical role in setting priorities, guiding strategic initiatives, and ensuring that the new plan reflects

Whether you're involved in public health, healthcare, research, advocacy, or community-based initiatives, your perspective is key to developing a plan that is both effective and responsive to community needs.

The [survey](#) is quick and easy to complete, and each response helps build a stronger, more effective cancer control plan for our state.

Take the Survey

the needs of South Dakotans.

We welcome those who are committed to improving cancer care, supporting innovative solutions, and promoting health equity.

Apply Now

## New State & National Cancer Reports Available



### [SD Pediatric Cancer](#)

**[This report](#)** utilizes data from SD Vital Records and the [SD Cancer Registry](#) from the years 2013 through 2021 to evaluate gender, race, and rates of cancer in pediatric patients.

These include all malignant cancers for ages 19 and younger.

Some key findings:

- There were a total of 366 new cancer cases in pediatric patients.
- There were a total of 39 deaths in

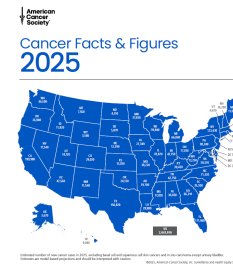


### [SD Adult Cancer Survivorship](#)

**[This report](#)** evaluates demographics, cancer type, age at diagnosis, health status, quality of life indicators, and other relevant cancer survivorship indicators, combining SD BRFSS data from 2020 and 2022 to provide more stable estimates.

Some key findings:

- 7.6 percent of South Dakota adults aged 18 years and older stated that they had ever been told



### [ACS Cancer Facts & Figures](#)

The [American Cancer Society](#) recently released [Cancer Statistics 2025](#) and its companion, [Cancer Facts & Figures 2025](#).

These annual reports provide estimated numbers of new cancer cases and deaths in 2025 by cancer site and US state; current cancer incidence, mortality, and survival statistics; and info on cancer symptoms, risk factors, early detection, and treatment.

- pediatric cancer patients.
- The most prominent ages for new cancer cases was 0-4 years old.
  - The most prominent ages for cancer deaths was 5-9 years old.

- by a doctor or other health professional that they had cancer.
- Cancer survivors had a higher prevalence of self-reported fair or poor health than those with no cancer history.

Findings show overall cancer mortality declined by 34 percent from 1991 to 2022 in the US, averting approximately 4.5 million deaths. But progress is jeopardized by increasing incidence for many cancers, especially among women and younger adults.

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## Partner Press

### Regional Cancer News

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# Iowa Governor Reynolds Announces \$1M for New Cancer Research Collaborative

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds on Jan. 14 announced a collaboration between the Iowa Department of Health & Human Services and epidemiologists at the University of Iowa to research the potential causes of Iowa's growing cancer rates.

According to data collected by the [Iowa Cancer Consortium](#), the state [ranks second in the country for cancer incidence and is one of two states with rising rates.](#)

The governor's proposal, pending approval by state lawmakers, will allocate \$1 million to establish a team to research the behavioral, genetic and environmental factors that may play a role in cancer rates.

"None of this is conclusive," Reynolds said. "There's a lot we still don't know, and multiple factors are likely at play. We shouldn't jump to conclusions, but we need to get to the bottom of this."

[Full Story](#)

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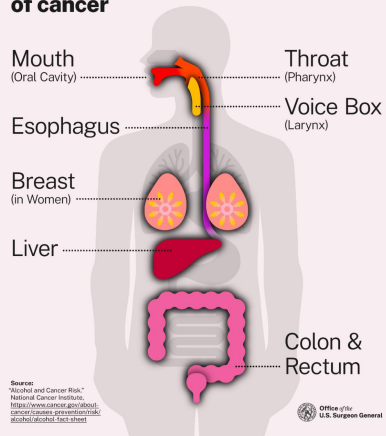
### News from SD:

- Avera Medical Minute: [The importance of HPV and other teen vaccines](#)
- KELO: [Rapid Valley Elementary raises funds for 4th grader fighting cancer](#)
- Sanford Health News: [Palliative care offers comfort and support during treatment](#)

# Spotlight on Prevention

## U.S. Surgeon General Advisory on Alcohol & Cancer Risk Calls for Warning Labels

**Consuming alcohol increases the risk of developing at least 7 types of cancer**



A U.S. Surgeon General advisory issued in late December 2024 highlights alcohol use as a leading preventable cause of cancer in the United States, contributing to nearly 100,000 cancer cases and about 20,000 cancer deaths each year.

Alcohol use is very common—in 2019-

2020, 72 percent of U.S. adults reported they consumed one or more drinks per week, but fewer than half of U.S. adults are aware of the relationship between alcohol consumption and cancer risk.

The direct link between alcohol use and cancer was first established in the late 1980s, and evidence for this link has strengthened over time. This body of scientific evidence demonstrates a causal relationship between alcohol use and increased risk for at least seven different types of cancer, including breast (in women), colorectum, esophagus, liver, mouth (oral cavity), throat (pharynx), and voice box (larynx).

The more alcohol consumed, the greater the risk of cancer. For certain cancers, like breast, mouth, and throat cancers, evidence shows that this risk may start to increase around one or fewer drinks per day.

[Full Report](#)

### *Alcohol Use Stats, 2018-2022*

#### **Prevalence of Drinking, Last 30 Days**

**South Dakota: 56%**

**US Median: 54%**

#### **Prevalence of Binge Drinking, Last 30 Days**

**South Dakota: 19%**

**US Median: 17%**

Source: [SD BRFSS 2022](#)

Dakota News Now: [What to know about link between alcohol consumption, cancer risk](#)

## More Prevention News:

- **MedPage Today:** [Weight Management Cuts Cardiovascular Risks in Breast Cancer Survivors](#)
  - **NBC News:** [U.S. dietary guidelines should emphasize beans and lentils as protein, new proposal says](#)
  - **ASCO Post:** [Breast Cancer Vaccine Could Be Preventive, Well Tolerated in High-Risk Patients](#)
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## Reminder: Cancer Programs RFA Deadline Approaching

The deadline for the South Dakota Department of Health's Cancer Programs 2025 Implementation Grant Request for Applications (RFA) is Jan. 24.

The programs are seeking applications that support the [South Dakota Cancer Plan](#), focus on evidence-based intervention implementation, and promote equitable and accessible cancer prevention, early detection, and cancer survivorship efforts in South Dakota.

Eligible applicants include organizations that have the capacity to implement the required interventions.

Eligibility includes, but is not limited to, federally qualified healthcare centers, health plans, healthcare clinics, healthcare systems, cancer treatment centers, healthcare professional organizations, Indian Health Service, non-profits, quality improvement organizations, school-based healthcare clinics, tribal health centers, universities, coalitions, and worksites.

Cancer program staff are available to support potential applicants throughout the application period to answer questions, brainstorm project ideas, review draft applications, and more.

### RFA Details

**Deadline:** 5 pm CT Jan. 24

**Anticipated Award Amount:** Applicants may request up to \$15,000.

**Project Period:** June 1, 2025-May 31, 2026

**Procedure:** Applications are due via email to [Shannon Park](#).

**Application Questions/Help:** Please contact [Shannon Park](#) for technical assistance.

# Program RFAs Now Open

The South Dakota Tobacco Control Program has announced the opening of two Requests for Applications (RFAs) for 2025-2026.

## RFA Details

**Deadline:** 5 pm CT March 26

### Anticipated Award

**Amount:** Applicants may request up to \$25,000.

**Project Period:** June 1, 2025-  
May 31, 2026

**Application/Assistance:** [RFA Website](#)

The [Tobacco Disparities RFA](#) is to promote health equity by incorporating a long-term change aimed at reducing disparate commercial tobacco use among the following SD TCP priority populations: American Indians, pregnant and postpartum women, people of low socioeconomic status (SES), and the behavioral health populations. Funding maximum is \$25,000.

The [Tobacco Youth & Community Engagement RFA](#) is designed to focus on engaging youth and young adults as well as their community in tobacco efforts including tobacco prevention (including e-cigarettes) and cessation. Applicants should focus their efforts on supporting and implementing evidence-based interventions and activities that are specifically for youth (under age 18), young adults (ages 18-24), or community-based efforts to learn about tobacco prevention and cessation. Funding maximum is \$25,000.

## Get Monthly Coalition Email Updates!

The Cancer Coalition newsletter is delivered quarterly to those who have opted to be included on our Coalition email list.

Active Coalition partners also receive a [monthly updates email](#) with Coalition events/activities, resources, and local, regional and national cancer news of note.

Want to be added to our monthly list?  
Contact [Megan Myers](#).



# Upcoming Events & Webinars

Want to help plan upcoming Cancer Coalition events such as the Summer Social and the annual Fall Meeting? We're looking for committee members interested in membership and marketing! Contact [Megan Myers](#) for more info.

## Upcoming Task Force Meetings

**HPV  
Vaccination**  
*all 1 pm CT*

[March 4](#)  
[May 6](#)  
[July 1](#)

**Early Detection**  
*all 11 am CT*

[March 10](#)  
[May 12](#)  
[July 7](#)

**Patient Support &  
Quality of Care**  
*all 10 am CT*

[March 19](#)  
[May 21](#)  
[July 16](#)

### Addressing Financial Toxicity in Cancer Care: The Role of Tumor Boards

February 3  
Webinar

[Register](#)

### Spring 2025 Tobacco Control Institute

Pierre  
March 8

[Register](#)

## Keep Us in the Loop!

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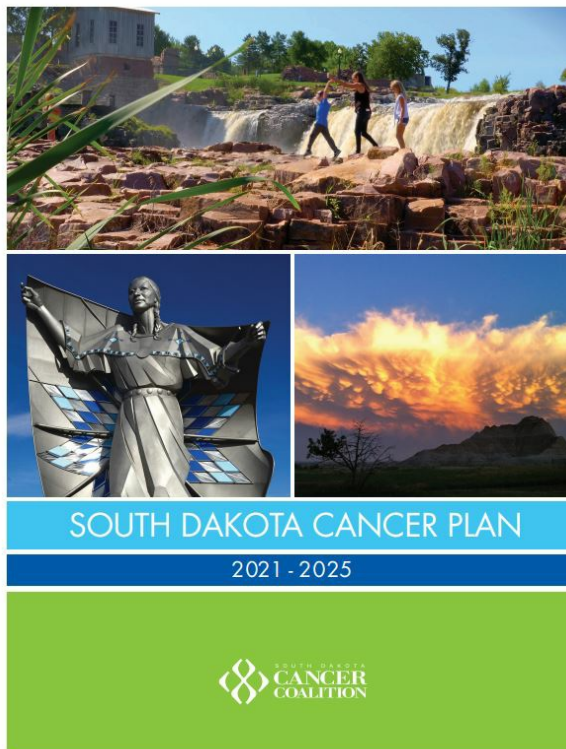
on the Cancer Coalition website?

[Use our form to submit online.](#)

View Events Calendar

Questions? Comments?

Contact [Megan Myers](#) or [Shannon Park](#).



Is your organization doing work that supports the priorities of the [2021-2025 South Dakota Cancer Plan](#)?

Take a minute to share the great work you're doing outside of Cancer Coalition efforts by [submitting your Cancer Plan Activities online.](#)

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