



CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMS were put on hold during the initial COVID shutdown. We are now restarting in a gradual fashion and below is a summary of how this will occur.

For more information on cancer screening during COVID-19, click [here](#)¹.

Colon Cancer Screening with the FIT test

(envelope mailed to you for stool testing every 2 years)

**** PLEASE DO THE TEST AS SOON AS YOU CAN AFTER RECEIVING THE KIT IN THE MAIL ****

- Requisitions already sent in will be the first to get the FIT kit in the mail
- Next priority will be patients over 60, those with a previous unsatisfactory test result, and those awaiting organ transplant
- Next wave, to be announced by Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario), will be those over 50 years of age
- Colonoscopies will be for patients at higher risk for colon cancer

Cervical Screening (PAP tests)

- Priority will be those with previous abnormal tests or high risk for cervical cancer
- Next will be those who have not had a test in more than three years
- FIRST PAP tests can be started at 25 years of age (previously 21 years of age)

Breast Screening

- Priority for 'Average Risk' – initial screens, one year follow-up screens and those overdue by more than two years
- Priority for 'High Risk' Program – for those known to have a genetic mutation and also those who have had radiation therapy to the chest before age 30
- 'Routine' screening – sites can consider gradually expanding (based on capacity, local trends in COVID-19 infections, etc.) to those women who have agreed to have a screening mammogram, every two years between the age of 50 and 74

¹ URL: <https://www.cancercareontario.ca/en/get-checked-cancer/screening-during-covid-19>