

Thesecondopinion's update on COVID-19 as of September 1, 2020

During the COVID-19 pandemic we are continuing to provide cancer patients, as previously, with free second opinions. This may be by either a multidisciplinary second opinion Panel Review with our physicians via Zoom video/phone conferencing or for those cancer patients who may not need a full Panel Review, a phone or email consult by one of our cancer specialists.

Patients may reach us by email or phone and may self- refer.

Contact Information:

For general questions regarding a second opinion please call or email. Staff will make every effort to get back to you within 24 hours. Please be mindful that staff is currently working from home and only in the office if necessary.

Phone and email questions: (415) 775-9956 or mail@thesecondopinion.org

If you would like to request a second opinion please visit our website and follow the instructions for filling out the 'patient intake' forms: <http://thesecondopinion.org/for-patients/>

Below is the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) summary for cancer patients.

Summary of Recent Changes: Revisions were made on July 17, 2020 to reflect recent data supporting increased risk of severe COVID-19 among individuals with cancer.

Having cancer currently increases your risk of severe illness from COVID-19. At this time, it is not known whether having a history of cancer increases your risk.

We are learning more about COVID-19 every day, and as new information becomes available, CDC will update the information below.

People of any age with **certain underlying medical conditions** are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Actions to take:

- Have a conversation with your healthcare provider or care team to discuss your individual level of risk based on your condition, your treatment, and the level of transmission in your community.
- Do not stop taking your medicines or alter your treatment plan without talking to your healthcare provider.
- Make sure that you have at least a 30-day supply of your medicines.
- Do not delay life-saving treatment or emergency care.
- Call your healthcare provider or care team if you have concerns about your condition, your treatment, think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, or any other questions.
- For more information on [preventing infections for people with cancer](#).

We are aware this is a fluid and rapidly evolving situation and the *second* opinion's policy will be subject to quick adjustment should things change.

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