



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

PREVENTION SERVICES

Dear Arizonans,

Every five years, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) engages partners across the state in the development of the Arizona Cancer Control Plan. These partners are experts in the field and leaders in the community, and without their unwavering support and commitment, this plan and the work to decrease cancer disparities would not be realized. ADHS recognizes and thanks the many contributors and authors of this important document, and we value our continued partnerships.

Cancer remains the second leading cause of death among Arizonans, and is also a preventable chronic condition. In 2022, there were approximately 133 deaths per 100,000 Arizonans in Arizona, this was a slight decrease from 2021 (approximately 135 deaths per 100,000 Arizonans). It is imperative that the overall work in addressing cancer includes the integration of support across the cancer care continuum—from etiology, prevention, early detection and screening, treatment, and survivorship. There is still much to do to decrease the prevalence and mortality rate of cancer in Arizona. The Cancer Control Program at ADHS uses data from the Arizona Cancer Registry to identify populations with higher rates of disease and death, such as racial/ ethnic, sex, rural/ urban regions, socioeconomic status, to ensure individuals and populations have access to lifesaving resources.

This Arizona Cancer Control Plan (2024 to 2029) is the fourth edition of the Arizona Cancer Control Plan. In conjunction with the Arizona Cancer Coalition (ACC), the Plan was developed with thoughtful and measurable goals, objectives and strategies that would move Arizona forward in its fight against cancer. The five priority areas – Early Detection and Prevention; Treatment; Survivorship and Quality of Life; Policy; and Childhood Cancer—provide a roadmap for improving population health outcomes, and will help transform the way health systems, communities and individuals view cancer and reduce the state's cancer burden.

Over the next five years, we look forward to deepening our reach into communities that are particularly at higher risk and/ or under resourced; addressing the social determinants of health that lead to health disparities contributing to the cancer burden; ensuring we have support systems in place along the cancer care continuum; continuing our important work in the prevention of cancer; and improving our data systems to identify disparities. I know you agree that to maintain our progress, we must remain inspired and never take our foot off the pedal in cancer prevention and control. With your help, we can continue our progress and ensure health and wellness for all Arizonans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Aseret-Manygoats".

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