

2022-2027 ILLINOIS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PLAN HEALTH EQUITY AND HEALTH DISPARITIES: COVID-19



I think one of the few good things about the COVID discussion is that health equity issues are finally coming into discussion by a broader audience. I think a lot of people weren't even aware that living in a rural community could impact the quality of your life, the quality of your health, the length of your life. And I think that's one of the few blessings, is that we are now starting to talk about issues like health equity, and patient navigators, and living in rural communities, and how that impacts the quality of your life. So, as terrible as COVID has been, I'm grateful that this is the discussion that's starting to occur.

Asian cancer survivor and caregiver from Cook County - 63 years of age (2021, Community engagement focus group)



COVID-19 and health disparities



The global COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated health inequities and disparities, especially among racial and ethnic minority groups, rural residents, and people of lower socioeconomic standing. As COVID-19 unveiled these long-standing health inequalities, it presented an opportunity for people to have conversations about health disparities that may not have occurred otherwise.



What are some strategies to address health disparities?



Ensure access to
health care

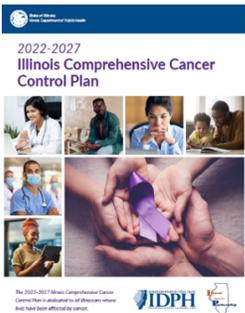


Patient
navigators



Targeted outreach
and screening

Learn more



Find more information on health equity strategies in the 2022 - 2027 Illinois Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan by scanning the QR code or visiting:

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/cancer/2022-2027-illinois-comprehensive-cancer-control-plan.html>

