## CANCER HASN'T STOPPED.

### So neither have we.



### The 2020 Cancer Burden in New York

117,910 estimated new cancer cases. 34,710 estimated cancer deaths.

# COVID-19 AND THE DEVASTATING IMPACT ON CANCER PATIENTS

As the pandemic continues, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) has conducted two surveys to understand its effects on cancer patients and survivors.

### **Delays in Accessing Care**

- 87% of cancer patients and survivors said the pandemic affected their health care, up from 51% in an April Survey.
- Of those in active treatment, 79% reported delays to their health care, up from 27% in April.

#### **Financial Impact**

- 46% of cancer patients said the pandemic impacted their ability to pay for care.
- Nearly a quarter (23%) worry they may lose their health insurance due to the pandemic.

### **NEW YORK ADVOCACY**

In addition to our federal advocacy work, right here in New York we are working to:

- Preserve cancer screenings for the uninsured.
- Reduce out of pocket costs so cancer patients can afford their medication.
- Stop big tobacco from targeting communities of color, LGBTQ communities, women, low socioeconomic communities and youth with flavored tobacco products.
- Protect health coverage for our most vulnerable. 95% of New Yorkers now have health coverage yet an enormous gap remains in access based on race and ethnicity.

Medicaid and the Children's Health
Insurance Program (CHIP) provide health
and long-term care coverage to more
than 6 million low-income New Yorkers
and must be protected.

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