



COVID-19

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY UPDATE

CANCER HASN'T STOPPED. *So neither have we.*

How has COVID-19 affected cancer research?

ACS has never faced a threat to our mission like COVID-19

- A 100-year mission to save lives is compromised. COVID-19 could reduce our funding of cancer research by 50% in 2020 if the current trends continue.
- If current revenue trends continue, we could be forced to cut our research grant funding by 50%.
 - This could be painful because the American Cancer Society is one of the largest non-profit funders of cancer research in the world, and cancer patients cannot afford anything less than research work moving full speed ahead.
 - In 2018, ACS invested \$147 million in cancer research and \$269 million in patient support while also working to improve cancer prevention and early detection.
- Because of the pandemic, our Hope Lodge facilities have been temporarily closed to cancer patients. However, we did offer those facilities to healthcare partners to provide lodging for healthcare workers.

Cancer patients need us now more than ever.

\$17 Million INVESTED IN ILLINOIS FOR RESEARCH IN 2019 ALONE:

funding studies to find the causes of and better treatments for cancer, and improve and save the lives of cancer patients.

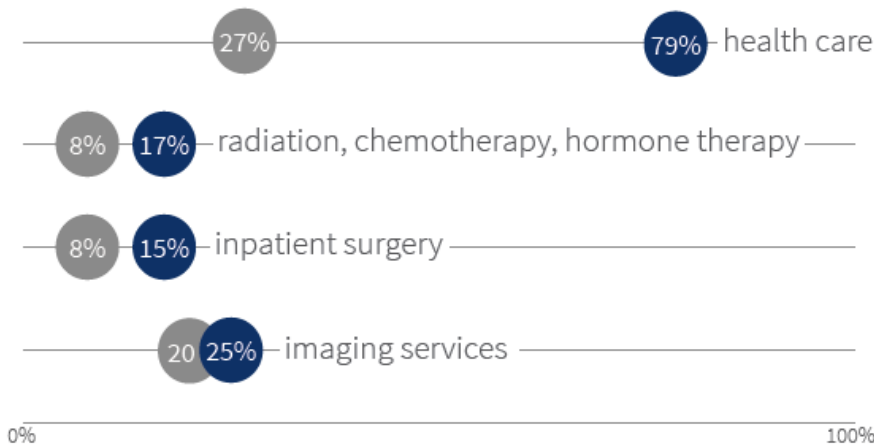
COVID-19 PATIENT PERSPECTIVE

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.

DELAYED CARE

An **early-April survey** showed that cancer patients were experiencing treatment delays, and a **second survey in early May** indicates active treatment delays are on the rise.

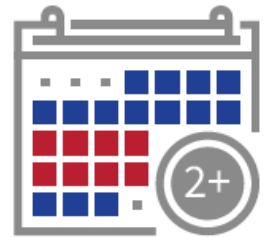
These delays include:



And currently:

27%

report delays of more than two weeks in cancer care



19%

are unsure when their care will be rescheduled



FINANCIAL IMPACT



46% of cancer patients & survivors have experienced a change in their ability to pay for care

23% worry about losing their health insurance

EMOTIONAL IMPACT

48% of cancer patients & survivors report a negative effect on their well-being



20% worry their cancer may grow or return due to challenges getting care

67% worry about their ability to stay safe as social distancing measures relax

RESEARCH

As always, lifesaving cancer research continues, aiming to find more – and better – treatments, uncover factors that may cause cancer, and improve cancer patients' quality of life.

Learn more about this survey at fightcancer.org/covidfindings.

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