



Southeast United States Call to Action

Elimination of HPV Cancers Starting with Cervical Cancer as a Public Health Concern

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

HPV VACCINATION ROUNDTABLE OF THE SOUTHEAST

This is the Executive Summary of the *Southeast United States Call to Action: Elimination of HPV Cancers Starting with Cervical Cancer as a Public Health Concern*. Refer to the full document for additional details on the Call to Action and access the accompanying toolkit for further elimination planning guidance at stjude.org/southeast-elimination.

The [HPV Vaccination Roundtable of the Southeast](#) prioritized the elimination of HPV cancers starting with cervical cancer as a public health concern. To address this priority, the Southeast Roundtable convened an implementation team comprised of representatives from across the region tasked with developing and disseminating an elimination plan for the Southeast region. An elimination plan is a way to garner support and catalyze action to improve HPV cancer prevention and treatment efforts, with the goal of eliminating HPV cancers starting with cervical cancer. The plan presented here describes the interests and coordinated efforts of the Southeast Roundtable to eliminate HPV cancers starting with cervical cancer as a public health concern in the Southeast, recommended priorities and actionable steps to achieve this goal.

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The contents of this regional call to action were informed by the results of the Elimination Policy in the Southeast Needs Assessment conducted by the Southeast Roundtable in Fall 2024. The assessment, which aimed to better understand the context of elimination efforts across the Southeast, consisted of an online survey, virtual interviews with subject matter experts, and a data synthesis to inform strategic planning for regional HPV cancer elimination.

This regional call to action for the elimination of HPV cancers starting with cervical cancer as a public health concern is representative of subject matter experts, those with relevant professional and lived experiences, and partners across the Southeast and serves as the first multi-state and jurisdiction collective and collaborative elimination effort.

Partnered together, we can influence efforts towards the development and implementation of state or jurisdiction level elimination plans across the Southeast. We acknowledge that capacity and resources may vary by state or jurisdiction, and not every state or jurisdiction will have immediate support for the development of elimination plans. However, opportunities exist to develop state- or jurisdiction-level elimination goals or statements. There are also opportunities to include elimination strategies in state- or jurisdiction-level cancer control plans.

The Southeast Roundtable encourages state-level alignment with Southeast Roundtable elimination priorities, but state- or jurisdiction-level elimination plans should be informed by local data, context, and available resources. Individual states within the Southeast are encouraged to engage with a diverse group of key partners and collaborators to inform elimination efforts. State- or jurisdiction-level elimination plans are intended to be developed and implemented in coordination with each state's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and should not aim to replicate or replace existing cancer control efforts.

SOUTHEAST ROUNDTABLE SUPPORT TO ELIMINATE HPV CANCERS STARTING WITH CERVICAL CANCER AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN IN THE SOUTHEAST

The Southeast Roundtable identified three primary elimination goals to inform the development and implementation of state-level plans. The Southeast Roundtable intends to advise, promote, and/or support these recommended priorities and strategies but not their direct implementation:

SOUTHEAST ROUNDTABLE PRIMARY ELIMINATION GOALS



1. Increase the percentage of adolescents aged 13-17 years, and starting at age 9 where data are available, across the Southeast completing the **HPV vaccination** series to 80% by 2030.



2. Increase the percentage of people with a cervix across the Southeast who are UTD on **cervical cancer screening** based on the current U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) guidelines to 80% by 2030.



3. Increase the percentage of people with a cervix across the Southeast who receive appropriate **follow-up, diagnosis, and treatment** (if needed) for abnormal cervical cancer screening results to 80% by 2030.

In support of the three primary elimination goals and associated strategies to advance elimination efforts across the Southeast, the Southeast Roundtable commits to the following elimination support strategies:

ELIMINATION SUPPORT STRATEGIES

1. Provide support for elimination planning efforts to states and jurisdictions in the Southeast region.
2. Develop and disseminate elimination resources to states and jurisdictions in the Southeast region
3. Provide technical assistance to states and jurisdictions in the Southeast region

Download the full Call to Action and request access to the elimination Toolkit at stjude.org/southeast-elimination.

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