

Common Reminder and Result Notices:

Information for Health Care Providers

The table below provides a general overview and timing of the **most common reminder and result notices** sent to patients and health care providers from the four BC Cancer Screening Programs.

To help patients access their cancer screening notices, encourage them to:

- Sign up for Health Gateway at www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca
- Update their address at www.addresschange.gov.bc.ca if they move within BC

Notice Category	Notice Type	Who receives the notice? How is the notice sent?
Breast Screening		
Reminder to Screen	Reminder to screen 1 week before due date	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway)
	Notice of facilitated referral for high-risk surveillance diagnostic mammogram is sent on behalf of the provider 1 month before due date	Provider
Result	Normal Result (With or Without Clinical Symptoms Reported During Screening Mammogram)	
	Result Letter	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway) Provider
	Abnormal Result	
	Result Letter	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway)
	Notice of Facilitated Referral to Diagnostic Facility	Provider
Diagnostic Results	Diagnostic Imaging Report ¹	Provider
Reminder for Follow-Up Testing	If follow-up test(s) information is not received by the Breast Screening Program within 6 months of an abnormal result, a reminder notice requesting an update is sent	Provider
Cervix Screening		
Reminder to Screen	Reminder to screen 1 month before due date	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway)
	Reminder to screen 4 months after due date	Provider
Result	HPV Not Detected or Cytology Normal or Follow-Up Cytology Required	
	Result Letter	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway)
	Lab Report ²	Patient (Health Gateway) Provider
	Referral to Colposcopy	
	Result Letter	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway)
	Lab Report ²	Patient (Health Gateway) Provider
	Notice of Facilitated Referral to Colposcopy Clinic	Provider
Colposcopy Outcome	Colposcopy Procedure Report ³	Provider
	Pathology Report ²	Provider
Reminder for Follow-Up Testing	If follow-up cytology information is not received by the Cervix Screening Program within 4 months of a recommendation for cytology, a reminder notice requesting follow-up information is sent	Provider
	If follow-up colposcopy information is not received by the Cervix Screening Program within 8 months of a referral for colposcopy or within 8 months of a recommended interval to return to colposcopy or treatment, a reminder notice requesting follow-up information is sent	Provider

¹ Sent from Diagnostic Facility.
² Sent from Lab.
³ Sent from Specialist.

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Colon Screening		
Reminder to Screen	Reminder 1 month before due date	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway)
	Reminder 3 months after due date	Provider
FIT Result	Normal Result	
	Lab Report ²	Patient (Health Gateway) Provider
	Abnormal Result (Follow-Up Required)	
	Result Letter	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway)
	Lab Report ²	Patient (Health Gateway) Provider
	Notice of Facilitated Referral to Colonoscopy Centre	Provider
	Invalid Result (Repeat FIT)	
	Result Letter with New Requisition	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway)
	Lab Report ²	Patient (Health Gateway) Provider
Colonoscopy Outcome	Colonoscopy Procedure Report ¹	Provider
	Pathology Report ²	Provider
	Follow-Up Recommendation Letter	Provider
Colonoscopy Referrals	Notice of facilitated referral is sent 8 weeks before patient undergoing surveillance or with a high-risk family history is due	Provider
Reminder for Follow-Up Testing	If colonoscopy information is not received by the Colon Screening Program within 10 months of a referral for colonoscopy, a reminder notice requesting follow-up information is sent	Provider
Lung Screening		
Eligibility Assessment	Patient ineligible for lung screening after eligibility assessment	Provider
Reminder to Screen	First reminder sent 8 weeks before due date	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway)
	Second reminder sent on due date	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway)
LDCT Scan Result	Normal Result (No Concerning Findings or Low Chance of Cancer, With or Without Incidental Findings)	
	Result Letter	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway) Provider
	Follow-Up LDCT Scan in 3 Months	
	Result Letter; A facilitated LDCT scan referral will be sent to the Screening Centre indicating when to book the follow-up scan	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway) Provider
	Abnormal Result	
	Result Letter	Patient (Mail; Health Gateway)
	Notice of Facilitated Referral to Diagnostic Facility	Provider
Diagnostic Results	Diagnostic Imaging Report ¹	Provider
Reminder for Follow-Up Testing	If follow-up test(s) information is not received by the Lung Screening Program within 3 months of an abnormal result, a reminder notice requesting an update is sent	Provider

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² Sent from Lab.
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