

# National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

## March 2026

Colorectal cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, yet it is one of the most preventable cancers when detected early. Screening now begins at age 45, and disparities persist across rural communities, uninsured populations, and historically marginalized groups. As public health professionals, this month provides an opportunity to engage in meaningful prevention-focused service.

## Ways You Can Volunteer in Your Community

### Community Education & Outreach

Volunteer at local health fairs

Table at community centers, libraries, or clinics

Distribute evidence-based screening information

Partner with local health departments or FQHCs



Volunteer with cancer support organizations

Assist with event planning or awareness campaigns

Support patient navigation programs

Contribute to outreach efforts serving rural populations

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