

Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) Mail Out

January 2022

Starting January 2022, eligible Albertans ages 50 to 74 will have the option to order a Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) online through ScreeningforLife.ca or by phone through AHS Screening Programs. Eligibility will be determined through a self-assessment questionnaire.

Why a FIT Mail Out initiative now?

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the already existing gap in Alberta's colorectal cancer screening rates has widened. Delays in screening and missed colorectal cancer diagnoses will disproportionately burden and affect those living in rural or remote areas, the underserved as well as those living in low socioeconomic environments.

Initiatives such as the implementation of the FIT Mail-Out provides Albertans with options to screening, helps to address patient barriers and works to overcome health disparities.

How will Albertans 50 to 74 learn about the FIT Mail Out option?

Albertans will be mailed a letter, **when they turn 50**, inviting them to get screened for colorectal cancer. This [invitation letter](#) will include information on how they can get their free FIT.

[Normal FIT result letters](#), mailed out to individuals aged 50 to 74 years old, will also include information on how to order their next FIT online or by phone if they choose.

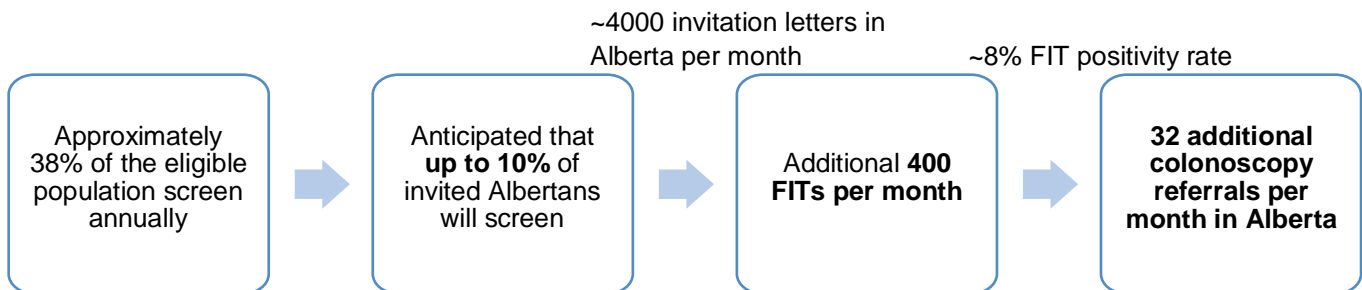
What about patients who aren't attached to a primary care provider?

Albertans do not need to have a primary care provider to access the FIT mailout. In the event of an abnormal FIT result, resources are provided in the result letter. If unattached patients need further assistance they are asked to call AHS Screening Programs.

What is the expected impact to Endoscopy?

By making FITs easier to access, it is anticipated that there will be 32 additional colonoscopy referrals in Alberta per month.

There are 1.2 million people in Alberta eligible for colorectal cancer every year:



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