

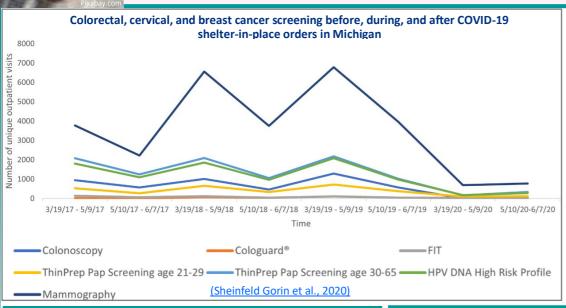
## **RECOMMENDATIONS DURING COVID-19**

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"NCI estimates a drop of 75% in mammograms since March...An NCI model looking at just breast cancer and colorectal cancer predicts there will be 10,000 excess deaths in the U.S. over the next 10 years because of pandemic-related delays in diagnosing and treating these tumors." (Sharpless, 2020)

#### **DISPARITIES AND BARRIERS IN SCREENING**

- Lack of regular contact with a primary health provider
- Decreased perceived risk of having breast cancer
- Mammography usage is not equal among different populations
- Prolonged delays in screening will elevate the cancer disparity in minority populations
- ▶ Fear of COVID-19 exposure hinders use of preventive services

#### MCP AND PROVIDER RESOURCES FOR BCS AND CCS

- Efforts to <u>promote breast cancer screening</u> and overcome barriers for <u>populations</u> with low screening prevalence
- Utilize organizations that contract with <u>Community Health</u> Workers, <u>Community Health Partners and Patient Navigators</u>
- <u>Culturally tailored educational interventions</u> may increase attendance at breast and cervical cancer screening among ethnic minority women
- Collaboration with <u>mobile mammography vans</u> to meet members in their communities



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### SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS—UTILIZING A VARIETY OF TOOLS TO REACH OUT AND EDUCATE

Short educational videos in multiple languages

Messaging "We are here" via social media campaigns, TV, radio, billboard and print

Mixed Media

Model community-based participation between staff and members

Promote materials on the MCP Member Resource Website

Member

Travel vouchers

for targeted populations

**Incentives** 

& Education

Provider and staff incentives for scheduling timely screenings

## MCP PRACTICES—Supporting Providers and Members During COVID-19



Promote Women's Health Day to address BCS, CCS and Care Gap Clinics with access to multiple preventive services



Provide culturally appropriate, population focused mobile mammography



Geo-mapping by zip code to identify screening care gap hotspots



Utilize Neighborhood Patient Navigators to handle outreach and help members address barriers to care