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### **(6/13/24) – Colorectal Cancer Virtual Seminar to be Held June 24 (Presented by Southern 7 Health Department and its CRC Prevention Partners)**

More and more people are talking about screening for colorectal cancer (CRC), or colon cancer for short, but trying to understand what screening is best for you and what your results could mean can be challenging. To help you make informed decisions about available screening options, Southern 7 Health Department and its CRC prevention partners are hosting a virtual, community seminar on June 24, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM.

Presented by Dr. Blase Polite, a GI Oncologist with the University of Chicago Medicine, this one-day, one-hour seminar is being described as a “Light-hearted and easy to listen to presentation on colon cancer”. You’ll learn what test options are available, current screening guidelines for CRC, and why screening is so important.

Because of current detection methods, CRC is 100% preventable if caught early. However, in 2020, the latest year for which colorectal cancer incidence data is available, the CDC reported 126,240 new cases and 51,869 deaths in the United States. Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of death in the nation for both men and women.

To register for this seminar, simply scan the QR code available online at [southern7.org/FIT](https://southern7.org/FIT) and on the Southern 7 Facebook page, or call Shawna Rhine at Southern 7 Health Department at 618-634-2297, 971161.

This presentation is provided in partnership between the University of Chicago Medicine, Penn State College of Medicine, the Asian Health Coalition, Northwestern University, and Southern 7 Health Department.

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