

Frequently Asked Questions - Screen for Life Coach 2026 Travel Season

Why is the travel schedule different this year?

The Screen for Life Coach is experiencing mechanical issues that limit how safely and reliably it can travel long distances.

To ensure screening can continue without interruption, we're using a hub-based model where the Coach travels to larger, more accessible communities or "hubs". Patients in surrounding communities will travel in for their appointments. By doing this, we're still able to bring screening services closer to home.

Is this a permanent change to the travel schedule?

No, this is a temporary arrangement as plans for a new Coach are underway. We thank you for your patience during this time.

Will the mechanical issues impact screening services available on the Coach?

No, screening services remain the same. The change is related to where screening is taking place, not the type of screening offered or our ability to screen.

I got screened in a different community last time, is that ok?

Yes, you do not need to return to the same community where you were screened before. You can book your screening appointment at any available location that works best for you.

I have to travel to the Coach for my screening appointment, are there any supports available to me?

Support options may be available to help with travel expenses and transportation:

If you're travelling more than 100 kilometers one-way for your appointment, learn more about the [Northern Health Travel Grant](#).

If you're travelling from a road-access First Nation community, shared transportation may be available. Contact your Health Centre for more information.

If you're travelling from a fly-in First Nation community, contact your Health Centre for more information regarding transportation.

I'm due to be screened earlier than I can access the Coach. What do I do?

If you receive a letter telling you that you are due for screening, or think you may be due for screening, call our booking office at (807) 684-7777. We can confirm eligibility and assist with finding the location nearest you.

I'm not due to be screened until after the travel season. What do I do?

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Getting screened on the Coach doesn't work for me this year. What are my options?

There are other ways to stay up-to-date with your cancer screening.

Breast

You can book a mammogram at any Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) site in Northwestern Ontario:

Thunder Bay

The Linda Buchan Centre for Breast Screening and Assessment
Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre
980 Oliver Road
Thunder Bay, ON, P7B 6V4
(807) 684-7777

Thunder Bay Diagnostics
63 Algoma St. N #100
Thunder Bay, ON, P7A 4Z6
(807) 683-4411
tbmed.ca

Fort Frances

Riverside Health Care Facilities
110 Victoria Avenue
Fort Frances, ON, P9A 2B7
(807) 274-4808
riversidehealthcare.ca/

Kenora

Lake of the Woods District Hospital
21 West Sylvan Street
Kenora, ON, P9N 3W7
(807) 684-7777
lwdh.on.ca/

Sioux Lookout

Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre
1 Meno Ya Win Way
PO BOX 909
Sioux Lookout, ON, P8T 1B4
(807) 737-6579
slmhc.on.ca

Cervical Cancer Screening

Cervical screening can be done by your primary care provider. If you live in a First Nations community, contact your local health centre or nursing station to book an appointment.

Colon Cancer Screening

Speak to your primary care provider about whether a fecal immunochemical test (FIT) is right for you.

If you do not have a primary care provider, you can get a FIT by calling Health811.

If you live in a First Nation community, contact your health centre or nursing station for more information.

When will the new Coach be operational?

The new Coach is currently being assembled, with plans to be on the road in 2027. We look forward to sharing more updates as the launch date approaches.