## CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING



## WHAT IS CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING?

Cervical cancer screening is when a medical provider uses a small swab to take a sample of the cells on the cervix, this is often called a Pap test. The sample is tested for HPV and to see if the cells look normal. Each person's body is different, some might experience some discomfort, and some don't. If someone is feeling anxious about this test, they should share this with their medical provider.

## WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO GET SCREENED?

Cervical cancers can be prevented through screening and finding signs that someone could develop cancer before it happens. If someone has cervical cancer, it is much better to treat it when it is smaller.

For example; treatment for cervical cancer can change the cervix which could cause challenge for pregnancies.

## WHERE CAN PEOPLE GET CERVICAL CANCER SCREENINGS?

SAGE SCREENING PROGRAM

Phone: 888-643-2584

Email:

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Or Ask your primary care physician

Interpreters are available

