

The Inflatable Colon

A fun and educational journey for colon cancer awareness

Have you ever wondered what the inside of your colon looks like? Well don't wait...the Nebraska Colon Cancer Screening Program has a 20 foot inflatable colon you can utilize at your next event. This exciting educational tool is a great way to learn about the importance of scheduling regular colon screenings to reduce one's risk of colon cancer. Walking inside the colon one can see what normal colon tissue looks like, what a polyp looks like, and the transformation of an unremoved polyp into colon cancer. Information provided with the Inflatable Colon educates visitors with information about the importance of early screening, explains risk factors and symptoms, and outlines prevention tips. What an enlightening way to teach people that colon cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable!

Walking through the Inflatable Colon, one can see

- Healthy colon tissue
- Tissue with non-malignant disease like Crohn's and colitis
- Colorectal polyps, and
- Various stages of colorectal cancer.

If you desire to have the Inflatable Colon at your next event, please forward, as soon as possible to secure your reservation, the following information to dhhs.nccsp@nebraska.gov:

- Name-
- Email address-
- Phone Number-
- Event Date-
- Event Description-
- Event Location-



General Information:

The Inflatable Colon exhibit requires approximately 25' x 25' of floor space and takes approximately 30 minutes to set up and break down.

- ✓ The Inflatable Colon is transported on a 4-wheel cart that weighs about 200 lbs. It cannot do stairs.
- ✓ **The agency renting the Inflatable Colon is responsible for all handling, lifting and transportation of the colon.**
- ✓ The Inflatable Colon is free standing, sits in a "U" shape and sits 8-ft tall (outside height; inside height 5.5-ft – 6.0-ft) and the walk through is 20-ft long (the horseshoe shape cannot be altered). The exhibit must have a dry, smooth and even base to rest upon. When looking at the exhibit, the front of it is 24-ft wide and it is 17-ft deep. However, the colon has an additional 7-ft hose off the back where a blower attaches to the colon to keep it inflated.
- ✓ We recommend, for optimum showing, a space of 30ft x 30ft to accommodate room for a table and space for people to walk in and out. If used indoors, we will need a room height of at least 13 feet.
- ✓ The Inflatable Colon requires electricity, that is, a 15 amp plug which needs to be within several feet of the Inflatable Colon. Extension cords must be less than 75-ft or the blower will burn out. The sound of the exhibit is about the same as that of a hair dryer and must run continuously to keep the colon inflated.
- ✓ The Inflatable Colon is wheel chair, stroller and motorized scooter accessible.
- ✓ You can watch a video of an similar inflatable colon being blown up at: <https://youtu.be/SlyzuCUkWX4>



Deposit:

For all events we require a refundable damage fee of \$200. If no damage occurs to the Inflatable Colon, this fee will be returned to you within 10 days of your event. Please send all fees to Nebraska Colon Cancer Screening Program, P.O. Box 94817, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4817.



Once you submit a reservation, you will receive an e-mail with a Letter of Agreement (LOA) to sign. The signed LOA and your deposit are due within thirty (30) days of the date of your reservation. Late deposits may cause you to forfeit your event date.

Media Acknowledgment:

We request that all media (print, web, and broadcast) material properly feature the Inflatable Colon as an exhibit of the Nebraska Colon Cancer Screening Program. Questions, contact the program at 1-800-532-2227 or dhhs.nccsp@nebraska.gov.