

PEI Breast Screening Program

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NOTICE TO PATIENTS

Receiving the COVID-19 vaccination

Lymph nodes in the underarms of patients who were recently vaccinated for COVID-19 sometimes may become enlarged. This is an expected response as our bodies begin to develop antibodies to the vaccination.

As a result of this you may require additional clinical assessment by your health care provider following your mammogram. We encourage you to attend your breast screening appointment but, if you do not feel comfortable you may reschedule for 6 weeks after being vaccinated.

If you are having any problems with your breasts, you should not delay your visit with us.

If you are experiencing breast symptoms, had a previous node dissection, lumpectomy, lymphedema, melanoma or recent breast cancer diagnosis, please request that the vaccine be administered on the unaffected side.

Please retain the following as it will be required for your next mammogram appointment:

- **the date of COVID-19 vaccination,**
- **side of administration (left/right arm or thigh) and**
- **the name of vaccine administered**



If you wish to reschedule your upcoming mammogram, please call the Provincial Breast Screening Program at 1-888-592-9888 (toll free).

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