

Health Notification

Post-Vaccine Screening Mammography Recommendations April 28, 2021

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recently shared considerations for obtaining screening mammograms before or after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. These considerations have been based on recent recommendations made by the Society of Breast Imaging (SBI) Patient Care and Delivery Committee.

Higher rates of axillary adenopathy have been reported with administration of Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines. As national vaccination efforts are underway, women with a recent COVID-19 vaccine may present for diagnostic workup for newly palpable axillary adenopathy or have new axillary adenopathy identified on routine screening mammography or ultrasound.

The CDC offers the following considerations for screening mammograms:

- If possible, and when it is not considered delaying care, consider scheduling screening mammograms prior to the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccination or 4-6 weeks following the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccination.
- Women who need diagnostic mammograms for any breast symptoms that are concerning for breast cancer should NOT delay getting their mammograms.

For more information, please see [CDC guidance](#) for COVID-19 vaccination and other medical procedures and [Society for Breast Imaging \(SBI\) recommendations](#).