



## How your COVID-19 Vaccination Can Affect Your Mammogram

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You may experience enlarged lymph nodes in the armpit and the neck after a recent COVID-19 vaccination. This is considered a normal reaction to the vaccine. If enlarged lymph nodes in the armpit show up on your mammogram, it may require us to take additional mammogram images or ultrasound.

In some cases, we will suggest a short-term follow-up mammogram or a follow-up with your referring clinician to ensure they return to normal. In unusual cases we will recommend a biopsy to exclude breast cancer.

We recommend that if possible and when it does not delay your care, consider scheduling your screening mammogram exam before your first dose of a COVID-19 vaccination or 4-6 weeks following the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccination. We would be happy to help you reschedule your screening mammogram if you choose.

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