**RSNA Statement on COVID-19 Prevention**

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*The Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) is committed to excellence in patient care through education and research.*

* RSNA is committed to connecting radiologists and the radiology community to the most timely and useful COVID-19 information and resources free of charge.
* RSNA has established two COVID-19 volunteer task forces to equip radiologists around the world with the tools they need to navigate the COVID-19 outbreak.
* RSNA supports the COVID-19 guidance set forth by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) and the [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019), including common safety precautions such as physical distancing, avoiding crowds, wearing a mask, and frequent hand washing.
* Radiologists and other health professionals share the public’s concerns about safety, especially when it comes to seeking medical care unrelated to COVID-19. In response to these concerns, the medical community is taking extra precautions to reduce the risk of virus exposure as much as possible.
* After receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, patients may temporarily develop enlarged lymph nodes in their underarms. On mammography images, this can mimic the appearance of serious conditions like cancer. As a result, RSNA supports recommendations that patients schedule screening mammography either before or at least six weeks after final vaccination to reduce the need for additional testing. Patients with breast symptoms are advised not delay mammography.
* [*RadiologyInfo.org*](https://www.radiologyinfo.org/en/info.cfm?pg=psa-coronavirus)*,* the patient-focused website co-sponsored by RSNA and the American College of Radiology, provides information on the safety precautions imaging facilities have implemented and advises patients on how to prepare for imaging exams during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*RSNA is a strong advocate for quality, safety, equity, and strict adherence to appropriateness criteria in medical imaging and radiation oncology. Through its peer-reviewed journals, education programs and annual scientific assembly, RSNA continually informs radiologists, medical physicists, radiation oncologists and other radiology professionals of the latest technologies and research developments designed to improve radiologist performance and enhance patient safety.*