

COVID DELAYS INCREASE RISK FROM BREAST CANCER

COVID-19 is significantly disrupting cancer services and treatment pathways across Australia.



- Screening services suspended by lockdowns
- Patients deferring vital appointments
- Oncology presentations down 40%



- 145,000 fewer mammograms in January-June 2020 (vs 2018)
- 37% fall in screening at start of 2020 Victoria lockdown
- 33% drop in breast cancer surgeries



- 301 fewer diagnoses of breast cancer in Victoria 2020
- Increase in patients presenting with advanced cancers when screening resumes
- Delays will result in up to 9% more breast cancer deaths

DON'T RISK A DELAY

Breast cancer does not wait.

Early diagnosis and access to care is critical to save lives.

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