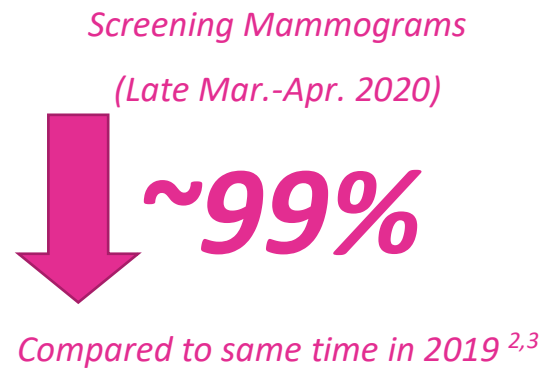


# MAMMOGRAPHY CHALLENGES AFTER COVID-19

## BACKGROUND

There was a significant drop in the number of patients screened for breast cancer through mammography during late March-April 2020, due to the postponement of screening mammograms to lessen spread of COVID-19 at healthcare facilities.<sup>1</sup> Once screening mammograms were restarted in May 2020, they slowly returned to pre-pandemic levels by July 2020.<sup>2,3</sup> However, some women are still less likely to return to screening.



## WOMEN LESS LIKELY TO RETURN TO SCREENING<sup>2-4</sup>

- Younger
- Non-White race
- Have no health insurance
- Live in an area with a high level of poverty
- Need an interpreter
- Have a longer travel time to imaging center

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLINICS

- Utilize targeted outreach to help patients resume recommended screening
  - Tailor messaging about the importance of screening mammograms towards different groups of underserved women
- Encourage mobile mammography programs, which have been shown to reduce cost, improve access, and increase the chance patients come back annually for screening<sup>5</sup>

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