BreastScreen NSW - an important message about our service

BreastScreen NSW is about to recommence routine breast screening. We suspended services temporarily to protect women, staff and the community from the risk of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

We will be inviting women to have their regular breast screens, starting with clients who had their appointments cancelled.

Online bookings are currently unavailable however we hope to resume this service as soon as possible. It may be some time before all screening clinics across the state are open. We thank you for your patience.

The safety of women, staff and the community is our priority. While the number of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) cases are currently low, we will continue to have a number of important measures in place to protect against the risk of transmission, these include:

- Precautionary questions around health and travel
- Limiting the number of people in the clinic
- Practicing social distancing and providing hand sanitizer in clinic waiting rooms
- Temperature checking prior to screening
- A minimal contact check-in process
- The use of personal protective equipment for staff as required
- Disinfecting equipment between clients as required.

Here's how you/ your clients or patients can help us when attending a BreastScreen appointment:

- Stay at home if you/they are unwell
- Wash your/their hands before coming to the appointment
- Only enter the clinic 5 minutes before your/their scheduled appointment
- Attend your/their appointment alone
- Avoid touching your/their nose and mouth
- Stay a safe distance from others
- Be patient and kind, we are in this together.

As usual, we encourage women to be **breast aware**. Should women find a **breast change** that is unusual, contact their doctor without delay.

If you have any questions or require help, please call us on 13 20 50.

For more information on COVID-19, visit <u>NSW Health</u> or call the Coronavirus Health Information Line (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) on <u>1800 020 080</u>.

We will provide further updates via our Website and on our Facebook page.

