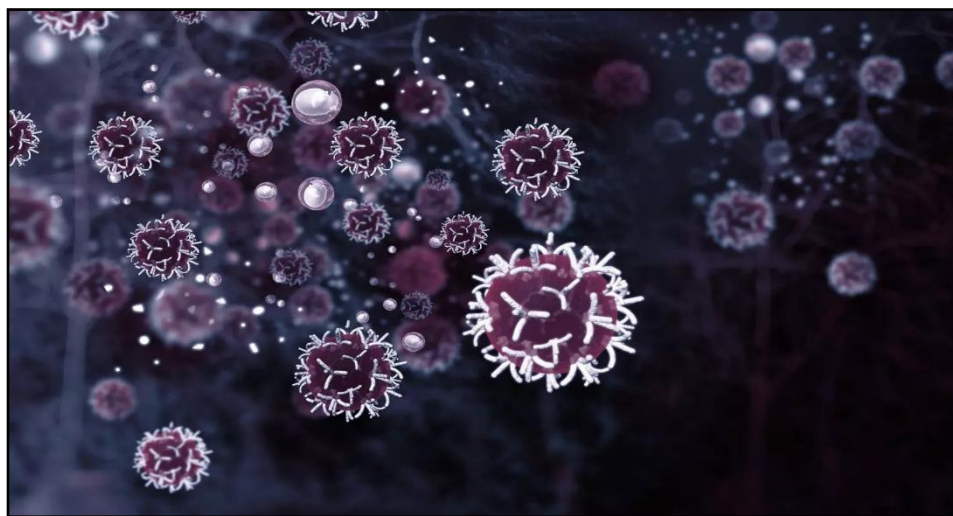


NEWS UPDATE

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COVID-19 May Reactivate Dormant Cancer Cells in Survivors, Study Finds



A recent study published in *Nature* reveals that COVID-19 and flu viruses may reawaken dormant cancer cells in the lungs of cancer survivors. These previously inactive cells can begin to multiply rapidly, potentially explaining the spike in cancer-related deaths observed during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the researchers, this phenomenon might be responsible for cancer relapse in nearly one-quarter of breast cancer survivors. The study underscores the need for increased monitoring of cancer survivors post-viral infections, although it adds that these reactivated cells can become inactive again after a period of time.

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