

Clinician Update

Dec. 31, 2020

Virtua Vaccination Rollout Continues, Evolves

The teams at the Virtua COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic are working efficiently and diligently to provide vaccinations in waves, with now more than 5,000 colleagues receiving the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine, with their second scheduled doses to start 21 days later.

Throughout, Virtua has been paying special attention to supplies and vaccine availability, recognizing that we are reliant on the state's distribution process. In fact, we recently learned that starting Monday, Jan. 4, Virtua will begin receiving and distributing the Moderna vaccine. As you may know, this vaccine product requires a second dose to be distributed *28 days* after the first. As our IT and Access Center teams prepare to introduce the Moderna vaccine into our workflows, we are adjusting the rollout of first- and second-dose appointments for the weeks ahead.

At present, we anticipate the next wave of scheduling will include affiliated physicians' office staff (including Virtua Medical Group, Virtua Integrated Network). We believe that scheduling for these groups will begin next week; however this is not guaranteed since we must first receive that week's shipment of vaccine. We will send notices to confirm exact dates as soon as this information is available. In the very near future, Virtua hopes to provide vaccines for those providers in our community who are not affiliated with any health system, in conjunction with the counties and state.

Reminder for Your Vaccine Appointment

If you have a scheduled appointment, please keep it. The team overseeing Virtua's COVID-19 vaccine asks all colleagues to take note of the following operational considerations.

Appointment Cancellations & No-Shows

When you receive an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine, attending your scheduled appointment should become your **top priority**. Vaccines are in high-demand worldwide, and it is essential that Virtua and all of its colleagues are good stewards of this vital resource. Please make every effort to attend your appointment and to be on time.

If you absolutely cannot make your scheduled appointment and need to cancel, please call 856-325-3300 *and* email covidvaccine@virtua.org **as soon as possible**. The more advance notice you give, the more easily we can reassign your appointment time. Thank you.

Face Coverings

Please wear a standard surgical mask to your vaccine appointment. Home-made and store-bought cloth/fabric masks are not widely regulated and therefore might not provide the same degree of protection. If you do not have a surgical mask, please wear a cloth mask to your appointment and you will receive a surgical mask upon arrival.

Virtua Vaccine Clinic Gains Social Media Acclaim

For many of the Virtua Health colleagues who received their first shot, the "selfie station" at the Vaccination Center is quite popular. When you get your vaccine, we encourage you to memorialize the

moment as well and tell us why you took your Hamilton-inspired “shot.” Below are just a few of the many vaccine selfies and messages that colleagues have shared on the [Virtua Colleague Facebook page](#):

“The clinic was well-organized — from the easy online scheduling to the parking lot signage to the flow of the stations. It all ran like clockwork. What amazed me the most was everyone’s positivity and excitement. Colleagues who put themselves at risk every day thanked ME for volunteering! I am in awe of my colleagues and cannot express how grateful I am to be part of the Virtua family. – Frani Germano-Yucel

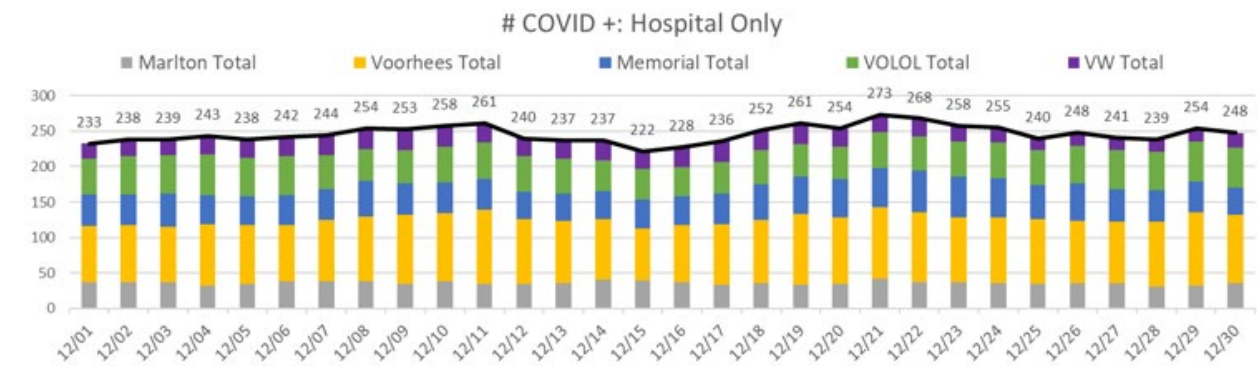
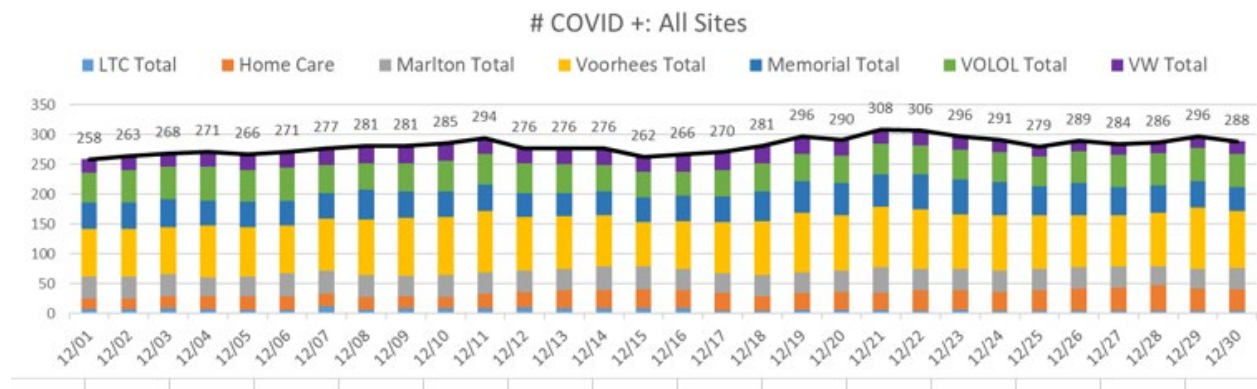
Physicians **Jubril Oyeyemi** and **Angela Skrzynski**, pictured below with fellow colleagues, share their experiences and excitement in taking their shot:

“I am INCREDIBLY grateful to receive my vaccine. I firmly believe this is how we stop the destruction from this beast. I find the science to be extremely sound and I had zero hesitation once I educated myself. This is how we can do our part for all the people we love, for those in our communities, and ultimately our world. What a cool thing to be able to do something that matters globally!” – Dr. Jubril Oyeyemi

“Vaccinated! I’m hoping everyone will have the same opportunity soon. This is an optimistic end to a difficult year. It didn’t even hurt. [#pfizercovidvaccine](#), thank you [#virtua](#), I love [#science](#).” – Dr. Angela Skrzynski

By the Numbers

The following charts reflect the latest figures for Virtua-site cases of COVID-19.



Fast Facts

- The rate of transmission in New Jersey is currently at .95.
- The seven-day average positivity rate for Burlington County is 10%, slightly below the national average of 11.1%, which has been trending downward. Meanwhile, the rate for Camden and Gloucester counties is 14%, and nearby Cumberland county is the state's highest positivity rate at 20%.
- Locally, in the tri-county area, there have been a total of 1,682 confirmed deaths, as of 1 p.m. yesterday. The state also reports "probable" deaths from COVID-19, with figures shared separately on the [state dashboard](#). For the three counties, probable deaths would account for an additional 133 fatalities.
- The total number of cases are as follows:
 - Burlington County 20,963
 - Camden County 28,297
 - Gloucester County 13,965

New Year's Eve and Day Schedule for Urgent Care and COVID-19 Testing Sites

As we prepare to ring in the New Year, please note the schedule for Virtua's urgent cares and COVID-19 testing sites for New Year's Eve, **Thursday, Dec. 31**, and New Year's Day, **Friday, Jan. 1**.

Urgent Care Schedule

On **Dec. 31** and **Jan. 1**, Virtua Urgent Care locations are open 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Virtua Urgent Care telehealth services are open 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

COVID-19 Testing Schedule

Please see the following schedule for COVID-19 testing at the Virtua Barry D. Brown Health Education Center in Voorhees and the Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Moorestown (Parking Lot).

Thursday, Dec. 31:

Virtua Barry D. Brown Health Education Center

- 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Drive thru only; appointments only
- Pediatric Tent (12 years and younger): 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - pre-op only

Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Moorestown (Parking Lot)

- 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Pre-scheduled and walk-ups/drive-ups
 - Walk up and drive thru for 13 years and older
 - This location is available to *symptomatic* Burlington County residents for screening without an appointment
- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Pre-scheduled and pre-ops

Friday, Jan. 1:

COVID-19 testing at both sites will be closed.

Music for the Season, and the Times

Throughout this very special holiday season, the Virtua community has had the opportunity to experience the power of music to heal and inspire. In case you missed it, some of these moments have been captured and shared here for your enjoyment.

- **Lift Us Up Concert Now Available**

The “Lift Us Up: Here for Holiday Good Concert” offered live via Zoom last Tuesday night, is now available to watch [here on this link](#) so you can experience the magical and inspirational musical performances.

- **Musicians on Call**

Earlier this month, Musicians on Call, who continue to deliver the healing power of music to patients virtually, hosted a [virtual holiday performance](#) for patients and staff at its member hospitals in the Philadelphia region, which includes Virtua hospitals. Local musicians Dave Falcone, Lore Constantine, and Mark LeWinter provide the entertainment, guide by MOC guide Amy Berkowitz.

- **“Vaccinated and It Feels So Good”**

To celebrate Virtua’s latest vaccination milestone achievement, we invite you to get "reunited" with this classic '70s song. [Click here to watch the special music video](#) and view our colleagues doing their part in bringing the pandemic to an eventual end.

Give for Good Brings Virtua Colleagues Together

With great joy and gratitude, we celebrate YOU! A record number of colleagues have made a difference through philanthropy this year. To date, **more than 1,200 Virtua Health colleagues** – from every department and every location – have supported the Give for Good campaign!

In this most challenging of years, with more people in need of clinical care and support programs than ever before, you answered the call.

Together, we have stepped up to make a difference for our community and to say to each other, as colleagues and friends, “I’ve got your back.”

Thank you to everyone who has made a difference through philanthropy. We are truly grateful!

Give for Good Ambassadors are busy providing all of our colleague donors with a Give for Good tote bag as a token of appreciation. If you haven’t received yours yet, please know that it is on the way. And, if you have any questions, please call the Office of Philanthropy at 856-355-0830 or email gratitude@virtua.org.

Caring colleagues, Here for Good. WE make a difference!