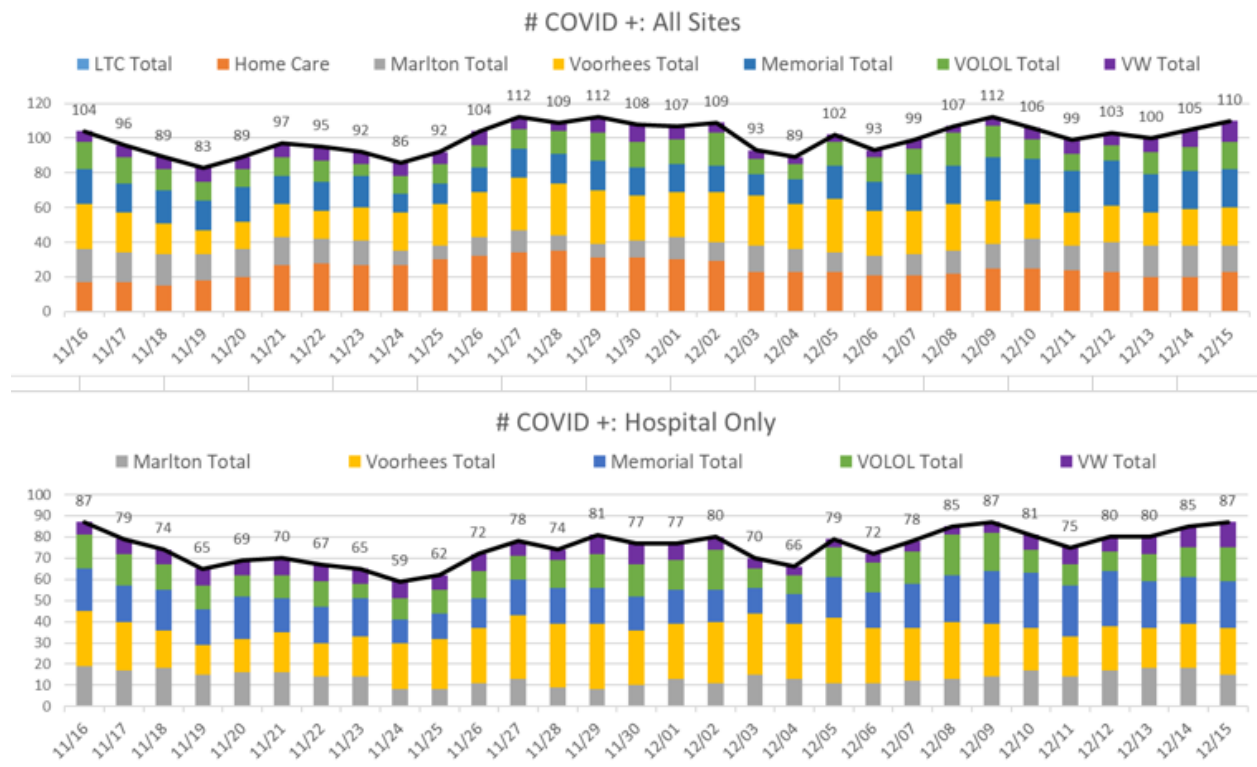


Clinician Update December 15, 2022

Virtua's Network of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) Now at 34

This month, Virtua's network of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) grew to 34. Virtua recently welcomed Morris County Surgery Center in Parsippany, NJ as well as Delaware Surgery Center in Dover, DE. The new additions join a network of surgery centers in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware—all state-of-the-art health care facilities that transform the outpatient experience and provide the highest caliber care for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures and surgery. All of the facilities are state licensed, nationally accredited and Medicare certified, ensuring adherence to the highest quality and safety standards. Virtua's ambulatory surgery centers provide a safe and convenient alternative to hospital-based outpatient care with a strong track record of positive patient outcomes and satisfaction. *Newsweek* recently recognized 14 of Virtua's ASCs among the top ASCs in New Jersey. Click [here](#) to see a map of all 34 ASCs in the Virtua network.

COVID-19 Census



Latest COVID-19 Fast Facts

- The rate of transmission in New Jersey was reported today as 0.97.
- The total number of cases reported as of 3 p.m. today:
 - Atlantic County 67,827
 - Burlington County: 108,668 cases
 - Camden County: 131,792 cases
 - Gloucester County: 67,046 cases
- COVID-associated mortality for Camden, Burlington, Gloucester, and Atlantic counties: 4,999.
- The state's Vaccination Overview dashboard reported 19,892,023 doses of vaccine have been administered.

Mpox Stats

As of today's weekly posting, the number of probable and confirmed cases of mpox cases in New Jersey: **763**.

Around the Health System

Robotic Surgery at Virtua

Congratulations to Dr. Jeffrey Emrich on his 500th robotic surgery procedure and to the team at Virtua Mount Holly Hospital. Robotic surgery is becoming an ever-more important component of Virtua's advanced surgical options. Recently, robotic surgery has expanded to Virtua Willingboro Hospital, meaning that now Virtua offers robotic surgery at all five hospitals.

Radiology Network Changes for Virtua Colleagues

Clinicians should be aware that Virtua colleagues will have important radiology network changes starting in 2023. These changes will narrow the options for Tier 1 providers. As of Jan. 1, 2023, Larchmont Imaging and South Jersey Radiology will no longer be in the Tier 1 network for Virtua Health Plans. However, by utilizing Virtua facilities, colleagues will receive 100% coverage for diagnostic services such as MRI, CT, CTA, ultrasound, MRA, pet scans, and x-rays.

Note: routine and diagnostic mammograms will continue to be covered at 100% at any Aetna network provider including Larchmont and South Jersey Radiology.

You can advise Virtua colleagues to contact the Colleague Concierge Service at **856-325-3344** for assistance in scheduling imaging at a Virtua facility. For questions may be directed to the Benefit and Wellness team at **856-761-3900**, option 3.

VIRTUA IN THE NEWS

Virtua Hospitals among Best in State for Maternity Care

Virtua Voorhees and Virtua Mount Holly earned the highest possible rating, High Performing, on *U.S. News & World Report's* 2022-23 Best Hospitals for Maternity Care list. Fewer than half of the 600-plus hospitals that participated in the assessment earned the High Performing designation. Read in [NJ Biz](#) and [U.S. News & World Report](#).

Virtua Expands 'Hospital at Home' to All 5 Hospitals

An innovative program that enables eligible patients to heal from the comfort of their home rather than in a hospital has expanded to include all five of Virtua's acute care hospitals. Since its January launch at Virtua Voorhees, Hospital at Home has helped more than 200 patients achieve excellent medical outcomes while delivering a highly favorable experience. Read in [NJ Biz](#) and [Becker's Hospital Review](#). See more details in [Virtua's press release](#).

Isolation During Pandemic May Have Delayed Children's Development

Some kids are experiencing developmental delays that may be related to the seclusion of the pandemic. Virtua's Pediatric Mobile Services Program screens children in underserved communities, and refers families to services that can help kids catch up. Maria Emerson, director of rehab services for Virtua's Pediatric & Community Based Services, offers her insights in this story, which also features parent and Virtua colleague Katherine Santos. Watch on [NBC 10](#).

Virtua Receives Hundreds of Holiday Toys

Children who require hospital care during the holiday season have reason to smile thanks to the Joseph Lacroce Foundation. The Cherry Hill-based not-for-profit organization held its 11th annual toy delivery on Dec. 3. Organizers and volunteers received and sorted toys for children of all ages at Virtua Voorhees Hospital. Watch on [NBC 10](#).

Local Institutions Address Health Care Inequities

Stephanie Fendrick, Virtua's executive vice president and chief strategy officer, joined other N.J. leaders to discuss increasing equality and equity in health care. Fendrick cited such initiatives as Virtua's Eat Well program, Pediatric Mobile Services, mobile cancer screenings, and transportation assistance. Also spotlighted in its own section: Virtua Pride Primary Care, launched in June to serve the LGBTQ+ community. Read in [NJ Biz](#).

Muhlenberg College Student Applauds Virtua Neurology Colleagues

Julia Sulzner, a junior at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, spent her summer participating in a job shadowing program at Virtua Marlton Hospital. Majoring in neuroscience and minoring in English, Julia looks forward to a career in neurology. During the job shadowing program, Julia worked with an inpatient neurologist, an outpatient neurologist and a physician assistant and learned about conducting patient consultations, MRIs, EMG procedures, and Botox injections. Julia said her experience "beamed a light into patient care through different health care lenses, and shows the unique and opposing complexities each setting creates for the medical professional." Click to [read more about Julia's experience](#).

'Tis the Season

The holiday season is in full swing, as various cultural and faith-based holidays are celebrated or observed. Beyond *Happy Holidays* and *Seasons Greetings*, [Feliz Las Posadas](#) to those celebrating this week, and wishing all who will be celebrating [Hanukkah](#) beginning on Sunday, Dec. 18 peace and light!