


Clinician Update

June 3, 2021

SAVE the DATE: Virtua Clinician Town Hall June 16

We can all agree that the past year was like living in perpetual whitewater as we navigated the pandemic and the challenges it brought. As an organization, Virtua Health has risen to the occasion, and still remained focused on our mission and vision. Save the date, **June 16 at 6 p.m.**, as Virtua's leaders present an important, clinician-focused update on how we have met our community's needs and what we are planning for the future.

Zoom login details are forthcoming.



Join us for a Virtua Clinician Town Hall, hosted by President & CEO, Dennis W. Pullin.

A virtual gathering:

DATE: **Wednesday, June 16**

TIME: **6 p.m.**

SAVE THE DATE





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Tune into the Latest Episode of the Here for Good Podcast

If you are passionate about what you do, you can make a difference. This is just one of the ways LabCorp Chairman, President, and CEO Adam Schechter hopes to inspire his 65,000 employees across the globe — as well as his own children. Adam was just 3 months into his role as CEO of LabCorp when the COVID-19 pandemic began. Like many of us, he soon realized there is no playbook for a global pandemic. But with a passion for supporting not only his local community, but the country at large and the world, Adam is no stranger to showing up for his team when it matters most. You can access the podcast [here](#), as well as by subscribing to Here for Good via your favorite podcast app.

Organizational Update for Face Masks

To ensure Virtua remains in alignment with recent recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), New Jersey Department of Health, and CMS, the following changes are now in effect:

Clinical areas (any area that provides direct patient care):

- All present practices/protocols will remain in place.
- In-person meetings can resume with the following restrictions:
 - Unvaccinated colleagues will wear masks at all times, except when speaking, and maintain six feet social distancing.
 - Vaccinated colleagues are encouraged to wear masks during meetings, except when speaking, and attempt to maintain social distancing (note: smaller rooms may have higher risk with less ventilation).
 - Room capacity is at a maximum of 50%.

Non-clinical areas (buildings that do not provide direct patient care and are not open to the general public):

- Unvaccinated colleagues will continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing (in accordance with Executive Order #242).
- Customers/visitors entering the building will be required to wear masks and social distance.
- Fully vaccinated colleagues are permitted to enter the building without a mask.

As our colleagues continue to be vaccinated and we approach 80% vaccination rate, we will consider further accommodations to the above approaches. Our goal, as always, is to keep our patients, colleagues, and community safe.

Reminder: Colleagues who received the COVID-19 vaccine from a non-Virtua location (such as a Cooper or Inspira clinic) are asked to submit their vaccination information to support our record-keeping efforts. Please email covidvaccinedocumentation@virtua.org and include your employee ID number and a photo of your CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card.

Burlington County and Fellow New Jersey Mega-Sites to Wind Down Operations

At present in New Jersey, more than 4.2 million people are fully vaccinated, with more than 8.6 million doses administered statewide. As anticipated, the increase in vaccinations corresponds with a decrease in COVID-19 hospitalizations. For context, Virtua's census of COVID-positive patients across its five hospitals has decreased by 65% from the beginning of May.

In light of these encouraging trends and due to the widespread availability of vaccines, **the State of New Jersey has elected to close the Burlington County Mega-Site in Moorestown on Friday, July 23.** The state's other mega-sites will discontinue operations over the next two months. (The Gloucester and Atlantic County sites have already ended first doses, with second doses ending June 18 and 19, respectively.)

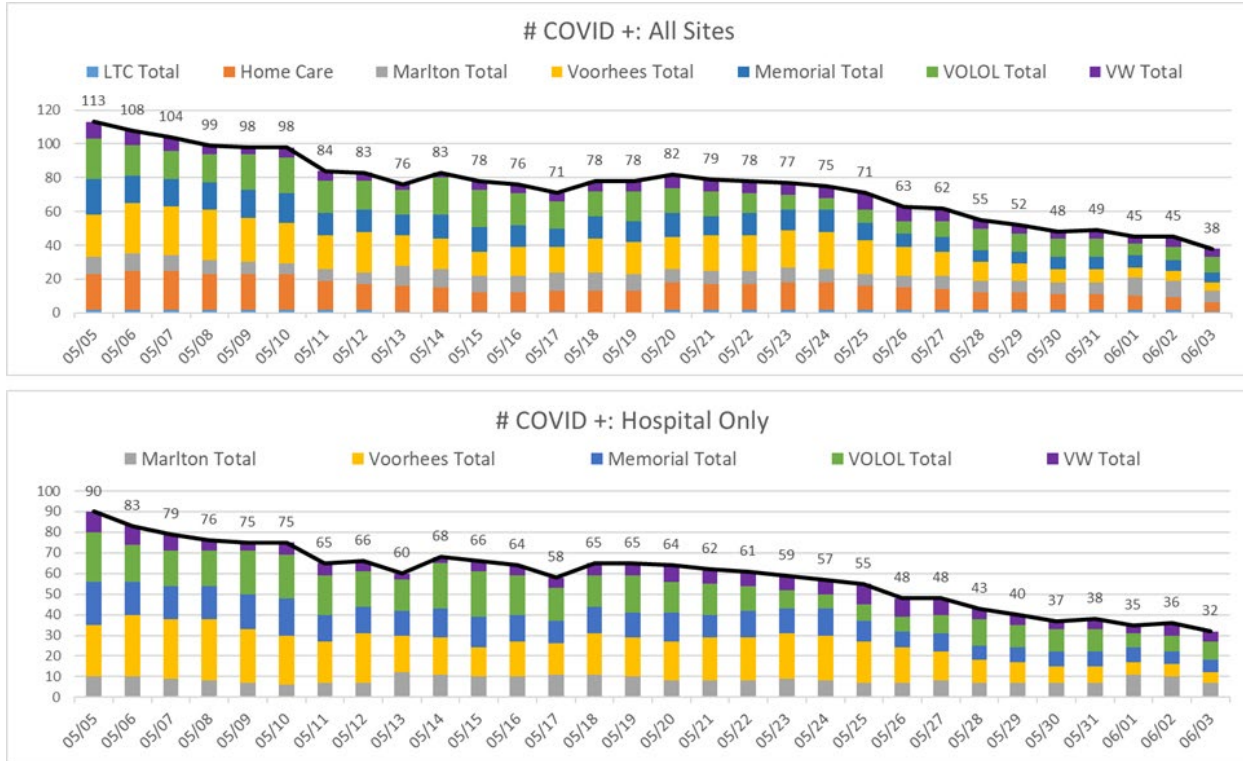
For the Burlington County Mega-Site, hours of operation throughout June are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, here are important dates and considerations for the weeks ahead:

- The mega-site is closed on Sundays.
- The mega-site will be open on **Monday, June 7**, but will be closed all subsequent Mondays.
- **Thursday, July 1** will be the final day for scheduled first-dose appointments. After July 1, all scheduled appointments will be for second-dose "booster" vaccines only.
- Walk-up vaccinations will continue past July 1, but those individuals will need to receive their second dose elsewhere, such as a pharmacy.

In other mega-site news, on **June 2**, Virtua's **Phyllis Worrell** received a proclamation from the Burlington County Board of Commissioners. Phyllis is the emergency management coordinator at Virtua Health, as

well as the health care coordinator for the Burlington County Office of Emergency Management. The proclamation commends Phyllis for her years of dedicated service and also recognizes and thanks the Virtua colleagues, National Guard members, county volunteers, and many others who have contributed their time and talents to the mega-site.

Virtua COVID-19 Census



Fast Facts

- The rate of transmission in New Jersey stands at 0.72.
- The state has added a new tab to its dashboard. Choose “Vaccination Overview” to keep tabs on how New Jersey is doing. A total of 8,755,436 doses of vaccine have been administered.
- The total number of cases as of 3 p.m. are as follows:
 - Burlington County: 38,216 cases
 - Camden County: 48,943 cases
 - Gloucester County: 26,517 cases
- The NJ Department of Health has recently changed its reporting of COVID-related mortality. Previously, they reported these figures on a daily basis, which allowed us to provide the latest figures on mortality within our three-county area. Going forward, we will provide this figure based on the latest available data. This change is certainly a good sign, and reflects the positive results of mass vaccination. This week, COVID-associated mortality for Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester counties stands at 2,596, based on data reported June 1.

Local Companies Help Reduce Food Insecurity

In appreciation of the support that Virtua’s Eat Well Food Farmacies provide to the community, two companies recently made remarkable gifts to ensure that the program will continue to thrive.

In April, Virtua Health Foundation Trustee Mark Kramer, president of Kramer Beverage, led his company in a collection that yielded an astounding 13 pallets of healthy foods and other goods. Mr. Kramer states that, "Virtua has been an incredibly important organization in South Jersey for decades, and their significant involvement in food insecurity demonstrates the leadership role they continue to take. Kramer Beverage is fortunate to be able to help sustain their efforts with this donation."

And just a few weeks ago, Turner Construction Company unveiled the newly renovated Food Farmacy at the Camden Health & Wellness Center. The upgraded space features a custom-built desk, new cabinetry, and more. They also donated healthy foods for distribution in the Food Farmacies. Turner's focus for 2021 is food insecurity — so this special initiative at Virtua was of particular significance.

Virtua's food access programs, which are powered by philanthropy, distributed nearly 180,000 pounds of food in 2020. We are grateful to Kramer Beverage and Turner Construction for making a lasting impact, joining us as we work to ensure that everyone in our community has access to healthy food.

Visit [GiveToVirtua.org/Colleagues](https://www.givetovirtua.org/colleagues) if you wish to make an early Give for Good gift to support Eat Well.

Virtua Health's Real Talk! Women's Health Chats Are Back

Flashing Through the Menopause Journey

Date: Thursday, June 10

Time: 7 p.m.

Madge the Vag, from the popular web series by Scary Mommy, will be chatting with two Virtua experts — gynecologists Rachel Kramer, MD and Colleen McCleery, MD. They will discuss the journey before, during, and after menopause — from hot flashes, sleep issues, and menopause belly to vaginal dryness and more. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions to this no-holds-barred conversation with our experts.

Be sure to share this information with patients and friends, or join yourself. Virtua's Real Talk! Women's Health Chats are free. Registration is required to receive the event link to the live online webinar. Visit go.virtua.org/RealTalk.

New Art Room for Virtua's CASTLE Program

Art has the power to promote healing and mindfulness. Thanks to Dr. James E. George and The George Family Foundation, children receiving behavioral therapy at the [CASTLE program](#) in the Virtua Health & Wellness Center - Camden have a new dedicated art room. The children now have an inspiring space to express their emotions through art and discover their creative abilities.

Click to [view the photos](#) of the CASTLE art room on the Virtua Health Foundation Facebook page.

"Art therapy is a refuge from the hard physical and emotional work of rehab. Art heals the mind, body, and spirit." — **Dr. James E. George**

Ruff Days Are Back!

Virtua's Visiting Paws pet therapy program invites colleagues to spend quality time with furry friends outside Virtua's hospitals. These pups are Here for Good — and for belly scratches. View the schedule below.

Virtua Marlton Hospital

Friday, June 4, 12 to 1:30 p.m. - Outside the Main Entrance

Virtua Voorhees Hospital

Thursday, June 10, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Outside the Cafeteria Patio

Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital

Friday, June 18, 12 to 1:30 p.m. - Outside the Main Entrance

Virtua Memorial Hospital

Monday, June 21, 12 to 1:30 p.m. - Outside the Main Entrance

Virtua Willingboro Hospital

Thursday, June 24, 12 to 1:30 p.m. - Outside the Main Entrance

Please connect with **Katelynn Hewitt** at mhewitt@virtua.org or call x72676 with any questions. Click to view the [flyer](#).

Help Your Community by Giving Blood

We invite you to join Virtua colleagues by helping the American Red Cross maintain a sufficient blood supply. The Red Cross will host several blood drives at various Virtua locations in the days ahead, including:

Friday, June 4

Virtua William G. Rohrer Center for Fitness Center, 2 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15

303 Lippincott Drive, Marlton, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16

Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Berlin, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, June 23

Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Moorestown, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, June 25

303 Lippincott Drive, Marlton, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, June 28

Virtua Memorial Hospital, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It is quick and easy to sign up for blood drives. Appointments are preferred. Click to

Musicians on Call Launches Entertainment Portal

Musicians on Call, an organization that delivers the healing power of music to hospital patients, recently launched a new entertainment portal. We invite our hospital colleagues, patients, and guests to view the live 30-minute show each Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Link: https://connect.musiciansoncall.org/virtual_programs/philly

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