

Clinician Update

May 20, 2021

Happy 10-Year Anniversary, Virtua Voorhees!

This week marks the 10-year anniversary of the Virtua Voorhees campus! To celebrate the occasion, Virtua leaders shared their favorite memories — from the grand opening event during a severe thunderstorm to Move Day, in which 145 patients were moved from the former hospital to the new campus in less than four hours. Listen to more of our leaders' memories in [this video](#).

Paul Minnick, president of Virtua Voorhees and Virtua Marlton hospitals, says, *“We have an incredible legacy, as well as a meaningful journey ahead of us. This is our opportunity to make a difference in thousands of lives. To my Virtua Voorhees colleagues, thank you for where we are today. I trust that we will continue to be present, stay focused, and connect with the people in our community.”*

Congratulations to Virtua Voorhees colleagues for a decade of being Here for Good for our patients, their families, our neighbors, and each other. If you are on the Virtua Voorhees campus, tomorrow, May 21, please stop by our party on the patio from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

May 24 ADT Go-Live for Cures Act Expansion of Notifications

The latest Cures Act regulations are now in effect nationally involving Admission, Discharge, and Transfer (ADT) event notifications requirements. Virtua was successful in meeting that mandated May 1 deadline, and now we prepare for a May 24 go-live date to update the notifications to include all members of patients' care teams.

ADT requirements are in place for providers to share event notifications with other providers and systems so that the care teams have the most up-to-date and accurate information about their patients. The goal is to help monitor patients throughout the entire continuum of care to improve outcomes while reducing preventable readmissions.

Meanwhile, we encourage clinicians to continue having the conversation with patients around the availability of results through MyChart, and the possibility that they may receive results sooner than they may expect. Patients should be assured that there is a process in place if test results are critical. For inpatients, the patient's nurse or testing department ensures providers are notified after any critical results.

In February, Virtua went live with the implementation of the key components of the 21st Century Cures Act, well ahead of the national mandate of April 5. We will continue to provide updates as various elements of the Act go into effect, and guidance if further refined. Via [Digital 411](#), Virtua has created a special [Cures Act Resource link](#). Check back frequently to find additional tip sheets, talking points, and more.

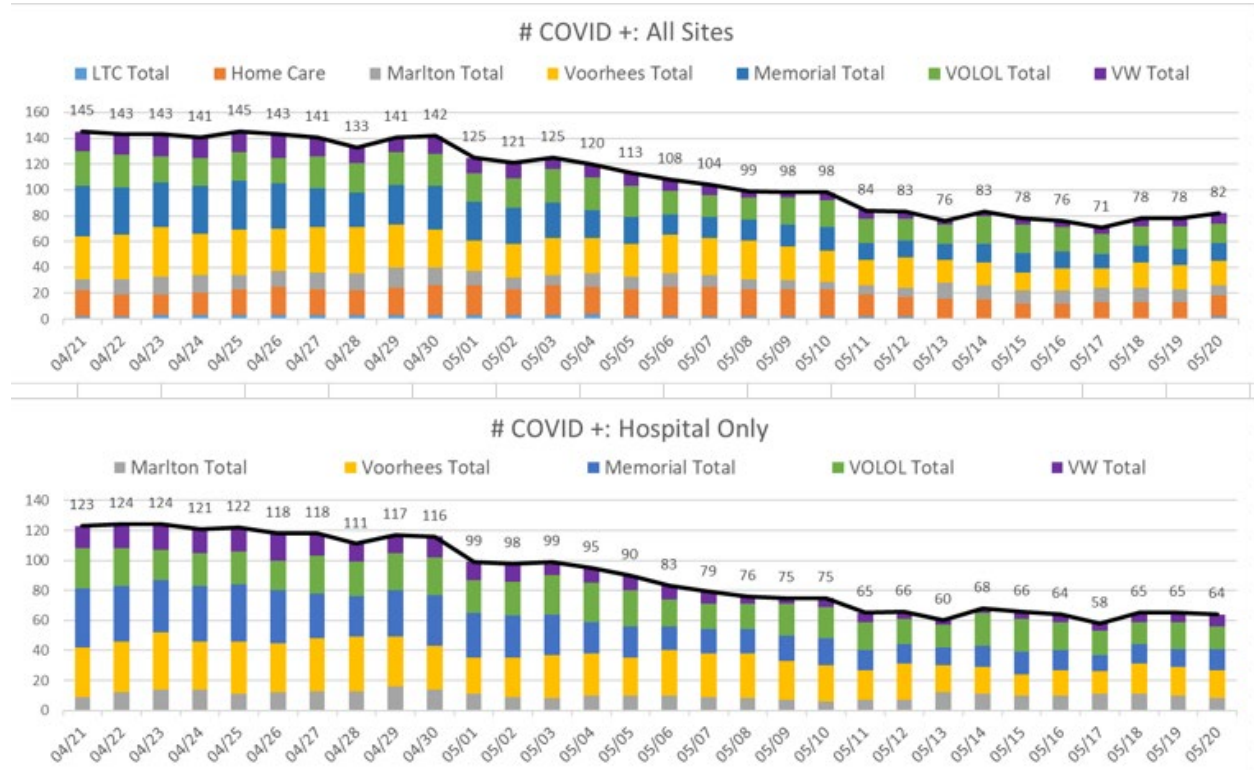
Dr. Angela Skrzynski Discusses Care After COVID

COVID can be persistent. Luckily, so can we.

For those experiencing lingering, long-lasting symptoms months after recovering from COVID-19, Virtua's [Care After COVID](#) program delivers personalized care to get patients back to good health again.

In this [video](#), Dr. Angela Skrzynski from Virtua Urgent Care discusses our Care After COVID evaluation and recovery program. Click for additional [details](#). Together, we'll get back to good health.

Virtua COVID-19 Census



Fast Facts

- The rate of transmission in New Jersey is currently at 0.46.
- The total number of cases are as follows:

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| Burlington County | 38,071 |
| Camden County | 48,651 |
| Gloucester County | 26,408 |
- 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 8,202,463 doses of vaccine have been administered.

COVID-19 Vaccines Available at Select Virtua Primary Care Practices

Select Virtua primary care practices are offering the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine by appointment only. Individuals who have not yet received the vaccine may call for an appointment at the Virtua Primary Care practices below. **Note:** Receiving the vaccine does not need to be part of a larger wellness visit, and vaccine recipients do not need to be existing patients of the practice.

[Virtua Primary Care – Camden](#)

[Virtua Primary Care - Lindenwold](#)

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| Virtua Primary Care - Lumberton |
| Virtua Primary Care – Mansfield |
| Virtua Primary Care - Maple Shade |
| Virtua Primary Care - Marlton at Route 70 |
| Virtua Primary Care – Medford |
| Virtua Primary Care - Moorestown at East Third Street |

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| Virtua Primary Care - Moorestown at Young Avenue |
| Virtua Primary Care - Pennsauken |
| Virtua Primary Care - Voorhees at 1605 Evesham Road |
| Virtua Primary Care - Washington Township |
| Virtua Primary Care - Westmont |
| Virtua Women's Primary Care - Moorestown |

Celebrating the Spirit of Virtua

Virtua Health colleagues were in high spirits last week, celebrating Nurses Week and Hospital Week. Thank you for participating in all of our Spirit Week activities, dancing along to the East Coast Drumline, and sharing photos of camaraderie with your teams.

Ashley Boenisch, ANC, at Virtua Memorial Hospital, enjoyed down time with her teammates. She says, *"This past year has created such a strong bond with our group, and we have become more like family. It would have been impossible to make it through this last year without the friendships, support, and encouragement from one another!"*

This week, we continue to honor our colleagues. May 16 to 23 is EMS Week, which honors those frontline heroes dedicated to providing emergency medicine that saves so many lives every day. The 2021 EMS Week theme is "THIS IS EMS: Caring for Our Communities." This theme is particularly meaningful now, to let our neighbors know that our EMS colleagues are here to respond, support, and care for the needs of our communities.

It is also Health Care Technology Management Week, which promotes the awareness of — and appreciation for — the critical work of professionals who manage, secure, and maintain technology in health care organizations.

In a WE Applaud eCard message to IT support specialist Alana Tessa Merry, Dr. Sage Claydon with Virtua Medical Group, writes:

"Thank you for your help with getting my computer fixed for the resident interview sessions. Your kindness and quick response time not only helped me, but also the other members of the department and the interviewees. Every time we call you for help, you express empathy and compassion. You take

the time to listen and really try to figure out why something is not working. You also circle back and make sure the problem is corrected. I'm grateful we have you on our team."

New Colleague Communities at Virtua

Colleague Communities bring our organizational commitment to inclusion, diversity, and equity to life and promote our culture, mission, and vision through education and experiences provided to all colleagues. These voluntary, colleague-led groups foster a better Virtua by giving each of us the courage to live authentically and in alignment with our Guiding Principles.

We are excited to announce two new Colleague Communities currently forming and looking for members:

Our LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer [or questioning], intersex, and asexual [or allies]) group has just started their journey to formally establish their charter and is looking to have more individuals join. If you are interested in joining as a member, please complete the form below.

[L.G.B.T.Q.I.A. Colleague Community Member Interest Form](#)

Additionally, we are looking for individuals interested in forming an Asian American Colleague Community. These members, with the help of their executive sponsor, Human Resources, and the I.D.E.A. Steering Committee, will be instrumental in establishing the groundwork of this Colleague Community. If you are interested, please complete the form below.

[Asian American Colleague Community Interest Form](#)

While not all colleagues may identify with a particular Colleague Community, all colleagues are invited and welcome to join as we build a more inclusive, diverse, and equitable Virtua.

If you are interested in more information or establishing a Colleague Community, we invite you to contact Aaron Rose (arose@virtua.org) or access additional information on the [Colleague Community SharePoint](#).

Featured on the Food Dignity Podcast: Virtua's Eat Well Programs

A leading food-access advocate speaks with Virtua's April Schetler, assistant vice president of community health engagement, on a new episode of the Food Dignity Podcast.

April describes how the Mobile Grocery Store came to fruition, and how Virtua's Eat Well programs are enhancing the health of people and communities across South Jersey.

At one point, host Clancy Harrison, RDN, is even moved to tears. Listen to this inspiring episode and read a quick summary [here](#).

The Impact of Racism on Health Care in NJ: Making a Difference for Patients in Our Care

On Wednesday, June 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., we invite you to join an important discussion on the history and impact of racism in health care and how to address it. Topics include:

- *The History of Racism in Health Care* with Dr. Jubril Oyeyemi, medical director, Community Health, Virtua Health; medical director, Camden Coalition of Health Care Providers; founder and chief medical officer, Cherry Hill Free Clinic
- *Key Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Terms We Need to Know* with Nadia Ali, founder and CEO, Idea Labs

- *Cancer Disparities in New Jersey from a Population Health Perspective* with Antoinette (Nan) Stroup, PhD, Professor of Epidemiology, Department of Biostatistics & Epidemiology, Rutgers School of Public Health; director, New Jersey State Cancer Registry, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey
- *Patient/Family Perspectives and Recommendations* with Andrea and Darryl Gladden in conversation with Dr. Stephen Goldfine, chief medical officer, Samaritan
- *Key Takeaways: Making a Difference for Patients in our Care* with Dr. Stephen Goldfine, chief medical officer, Samaritan

Click to view the [flyer](#) and to [register](#).

And the Winner is... the Kids!

Jim Myers, chief of security at Virtua Memorial Hospital, and Angelo Mancuso at Virtua Urgent Care – Voorhees are friends and colleagues who have recently raised funds for Camp Oasis in the most creative – and healthy – of ways.

In early 2021, the two friends created a weight loss challenge, inviting their colleagues to pledge funds to support Camp Oasis as they hit their weight loss goals.

Over the past three months, Jim and Angelo lost a combined 58 pounds, and were practically tied in pounds lost, despite the two pranksters sending each other tempting treats such as pizza along the way.

The REAL winner here? The kids! Together, Jim and Angelo raised more than \$1,200 for Camp Oasis. Camp Oasis will not take place in 2021, but Virtua's NJ CEED Program Manager Jackie Miller indicates that these funds will provide a healthy breakfast and lunch to kids at the next Camp Oasis session, scheduled for June 5, 2022.

Congratulations to Jim and Angelo for doing something important for TWO great causes: their good health and local children impacted by a parent or loved one's cancer diagnosis. Visit virtua.org/gratitude to learn more about how we invite our community to make a lasting impact through philanthropy.

A Special Virtual Performance from Musicians on Call

Musicians on Call, an organization that delivers the healing power of music to hospital patients, recently hosted a virtual performance.

Local artist Jim McKay played a session exclusively for hospitals in the Philadelphia region, including Virtua. We invite our hospital colleagues, patients, and guests to view and share the 30-minute show on [YouTube](#).