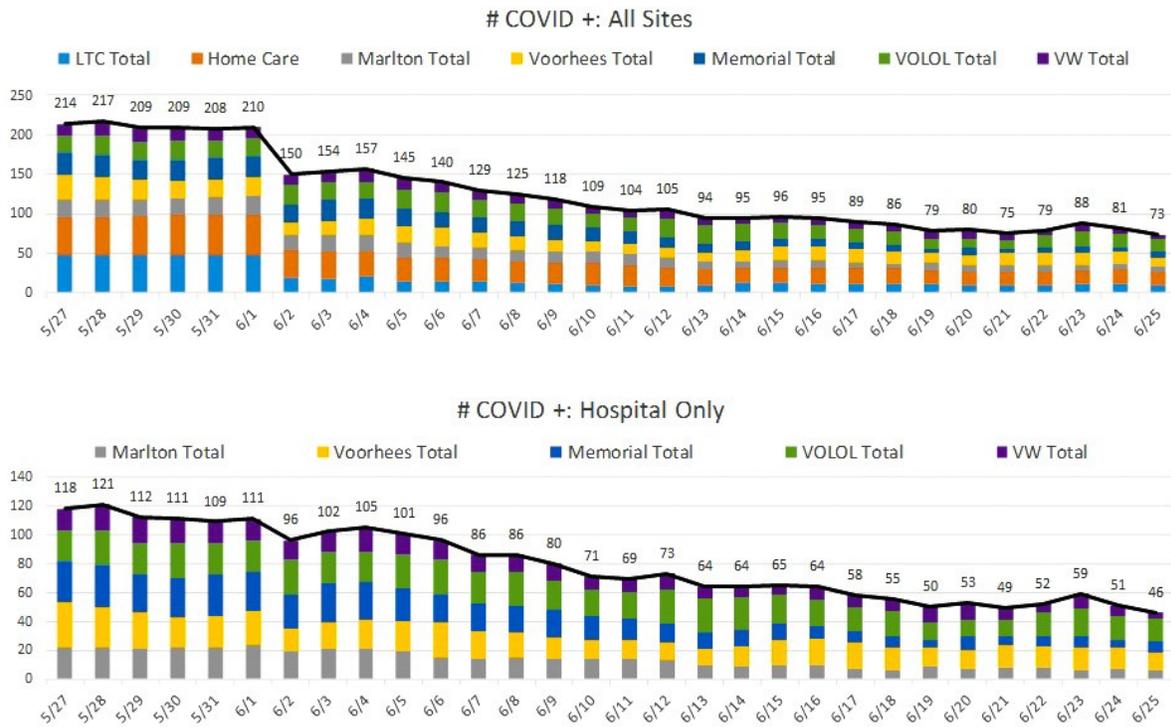


# CLINICIAN UPDATE

JUNE 25, 2020

## By the Numbers

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



## Fast Facts

- Based on tests returned from June 24, the statewide test positivity rate is 2.83 percent.
- Currently, the rate of transmission in New Jersey is 0.88. This figure has been ticking up slightly over the last week. It was as low as .62 on June 11. NJ Governor Phil Murphy indicated today that the rate of transmission has increased in 16 of the state’s 21 counties, though the average still remains below 1:1—and well below the 5.31:1 rate back in March when stay-at-home orders were issued.
- Locally, in the tri-county area, there have been a total of 976 deaths, as of 1 p.m. today. The total number of cases are as follows:
  - Burlington County 5,084
  - Camden County 7,212
  - Gloucester County 2,518

## Travel Advisory Update

Governor Murphy has issued a 14-day quarantine order for the state of New Jersey, applying to any person arriving from the following states: Florida, Arizona, Texas, Arkansas, Utah, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee.

Travel is therefore restricted to these areas. Per the State of New Jersey Incoming Travel Advisory, colleagues and clinicians traveling to or from the above advisory areas will be subject to a 14-day period of self-monitoring before returning to work. For colleagues traveling to the areas identified above, as well as any international travel, you are required to call the colleague hotline at 609-444-2828 upon return for guidance and return to work.

New Jersey will continue to evaluate states for quarantine with a positive COVID-19 test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents or a state with a 10 percent or higher positivity rate over a 7-day rolling average. Virtua will follow the New Jersey quarantine restriction for all its colleagues and clinicians traveling to the states listed above and continue to identify advisory areas of travel that could be subject to future quarantine.

When traveling, continue to maintain social distancing, wear masks in public, disinfect surfaces on planes and buses, and refrain from crowds or settings where risk of infection may occur.

### **State Continues to Open Up**

While other parts of the country are experiencing increases in the number of new COVID-19 cases, NJ continues to slowly and cautiously open up businesses. Starting next week, [malls will reopen on Monday](#) and indoor entertainment like casinos, dining, [arcades, museums and bowling alleys](#) are expected to reopen July 2. No word yet on plans to reopen [gyms, nightclubs and concert venues](#). Despite the reopenings, restrictions on capacity and social distancing remain in effect, along with requirements for face coverings.

### **Virtua Physician OpEd Featured in *Los Angeles Times***

Virtua hospitalist Azmatullah Hussaini, MD, has co-authored a new editorial concerning the health risks for student athletes who are being asked to return to sport, despite COVID-19. The article appeared in Tuesday's issue of the *Los Angeles Times* and is titled, "[Op-Ed: COVID-19 is making the NCAA's exploitation of student-athletes even more obvious.](#)"

### **Help Feed Our Community**

Virtua Health's Food Access program has provided innovative solutions to address food insecurity in communities across South Jersey, which has been instrumental during the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, it has been increasingly challenging for many of our neighbors to access food and Virtua has quickly adapted to provide healthy, quality food while following guidelines for social distancing.

Due to this increased demand, Virtua's Food Access program is in great need of restocking its shelves at both of our food pantries and mobile market. To join our efforts to help feed our neighbors in need, we have created an Amazon Wish List of food items such as tuna, pasta, fruit, vegetables, soup, cereal, and protein and nutritional beverages. To view the items and send your contributions, please click [here](#). Under "Choose Shipping Address," choose "Virtua Food Access Gift Registry Address." All of the items will be delivered to the storage facility at the Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Berlin.

If you prefer to make a tax-deductible donation to this effort, you may do so by credit card, check, PTO donation, or payroll deduction. To make a gift, visit [GiveToVirtua.org/Colleagues](#) and select the 'Food Access Programs' designation option.

### **Meals that Heal**

Food access is a concern for many in the healthcare community, and the Penn Medicine Virtua Radiation Program is no exception. They recently launched the Meals that Heal pilot program. Upon intake, patients who answer “yes” to two food insecurity questions will receive food weekly throughout the course of their radiation treatment to maintain their weight. In the first week of the program, 14 out of 61 patients, or 23 percent, indicated a need. The Meals that Heal program is funded by Survivorship funds from the New Jersey Department of Health

### **Virtua Honored as One of the Best Places to Work in the Region**

The *Philadelphia Business Journal* has named Virtua as one of the Best Places to Work in the Delaware Valley. This is our first Best Place to Work recognition since Virtua and Lourdes joined two-together last July. Thank you to all of our colleagues throughout the organization for taking the survey and providing your honest feedback.

The survey measured the organization’s culture — from compensation and benefits to trust in senior leadership. Responses from each question of each completed survey are compiled and evaluated. Companies are ranked and winners are chosen in each size category by their composite score.