COVID-19 Clinician Update
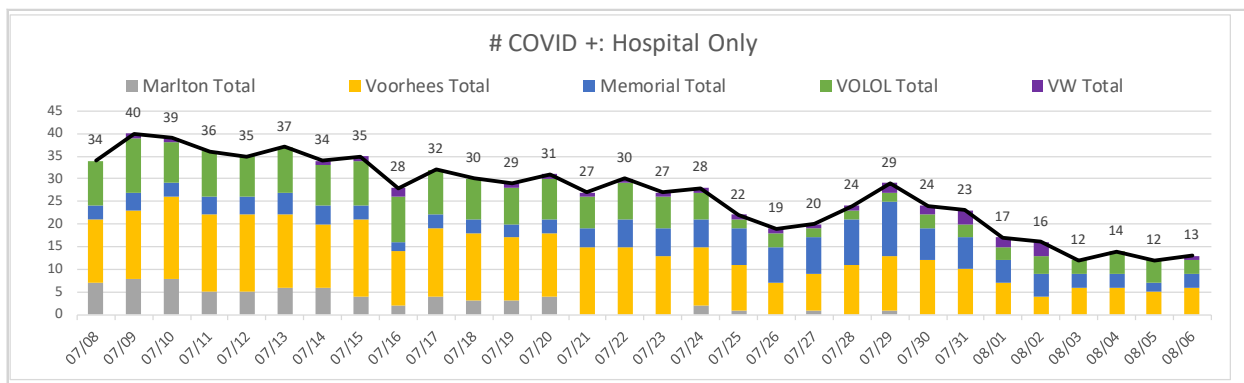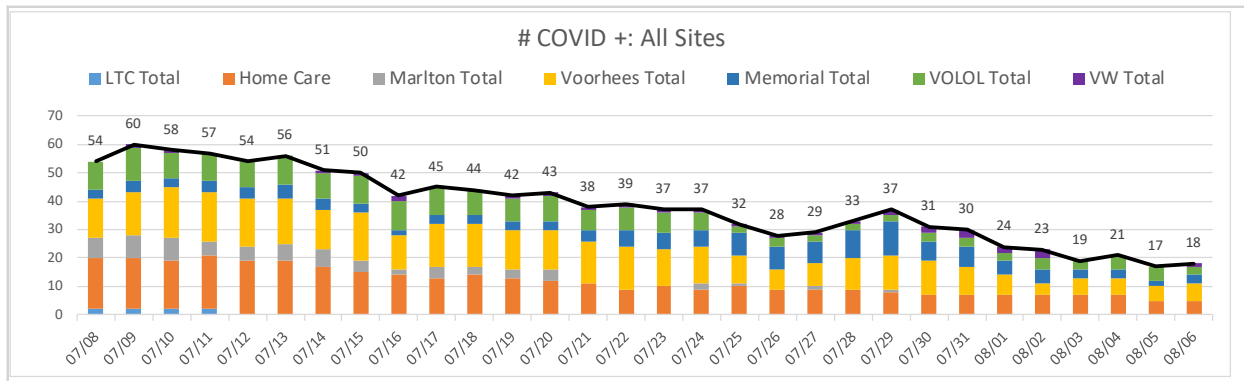
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By the Numbers

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

Fast Facts

- As of August 3, the rate of transmission in New Jersey is 1.32.
- Based on data from August 1, the spot positivity rate for New Jersey is 2.57 percent; however, regionally, South Jersey continues to have the highest percent rate at 3.79, whereas it is 2.44 percent in North Jersey and 1.56 percent in Central Jersey.
- Locally, in the tri-county area, there have been a total of 1,155 confirmed deaths, as of 1 p.m. today. Recently, the state has begun accounting for "probable" deaths from COVID-19, with figures shared separately on the state dashboard. For the three counties, probable deaths would account for an additional 103 fatalities.
- The total number of cases are as follows:
    - Burlington County   5,927
    - Camden County   8,464
    - Gloucester County   3,193

Virtua Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Offering COVID-Specific Care
Do you have patients who have recovered from COVID-19 but are experiencing deconditioning or difficulty with everyday activities? Virtua Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation offer services to help patients improve their functional mobility and get back to their lives. Physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech language pathologists follow evidence-based COVID-19 clinical pathways to ensure that patients receive safe, quality care.

To refer a patient for therapy in EPIC, provide applicable ICD-10 codes and the following detail on script: Deconditioned Secondary to COVID-19 or what you may deem applicable. In addition, physician offices or patients may make an appointment directly with Outpatient Rehabilitation by calling **855-847-8821**. For more information, contact the program's directors, **either** Keith Abruzzese (kabruzzese@virtua.org; cell: 609-458-1119) or Heather Morrow (hmorrow@virtua.org; 609-354-8786).

Virtua Cardiac Rehabilitation in Moorestown and Voorhees Receive Certification
Congratulations to Virtua Cardiac Rehabilitation – Moorestown and Virtua Cardiac Rehabilitation – Voorhees for receiving the 2020 American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) Program Certification.

This certification is in recognition of Virtua's commitment to offering the most advanced practices available and improving quality of life for patients by enhancing standards of care. The AACVPR Program Certification is awarded for a period of three years.

Maria Franchio, vice president of Rehabilitation, says, "We can look forward to the re-certifications of Virtua Cardiac Rehabilitation – Cherry Hill and Virtua Cardiac Rehabilitation – Washington Township next year. Together, all four programs are unified, integrated, and continue to meet AACVPR standards."

Virtua Receives American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver Plus Recognition
Virtua's Emergency Medical Services Department has been honored with the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® EMS Silver Plus Award. The Mission: Lifeline initiative provides tools, training, and other resources to support heart attack care protocols from the most recent evidence-based treatment guidelines.

Virtua was recognized for implementing quality improvement measures including rapidly identifying suspected heart attack patients, promptly notifying the hospital, and triggering an early response from the awaiting hospital's team of clinicians.

"Virtua's paramedics are dedicated to providing optimal care for heart attack patients," said Jim Newman, assistant vice president of Virtua's Emergency Medical Services & Transfer Center. "They can save precious minutes of treatment time by immediately activating the emergency response system that alerts hospitals to an incoming patient experiencing a heart attack. We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in emergency medical care efforts through Mission: Lifeline."

Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment!