

# Clinician Update

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## COVID-19 Clinician Update Transition Coming Soon

Over the coming weeks, *COVID-19 Clinician Update* will be expanding its information base beyond the focus of the novel coronavirus. The *Update* has allowed us to provide our practitioners with news that we hope has served to inform you about how Virtua, and our region, has responded to this unprecedented experience.

While we will continue to provide the same type of information concerning COVID-19, we will be changing the name, and the focus going forward will be to bring our practitioners the latest news about Virtua services, providers, and programs. A survey we conducted in June found that 81% of responding clinicians found the *Update* to be useful. We hope to continue and improve upon that metric by providing brief, timely content that will support our physicians, and their patients, as we all adjust to the new normal.

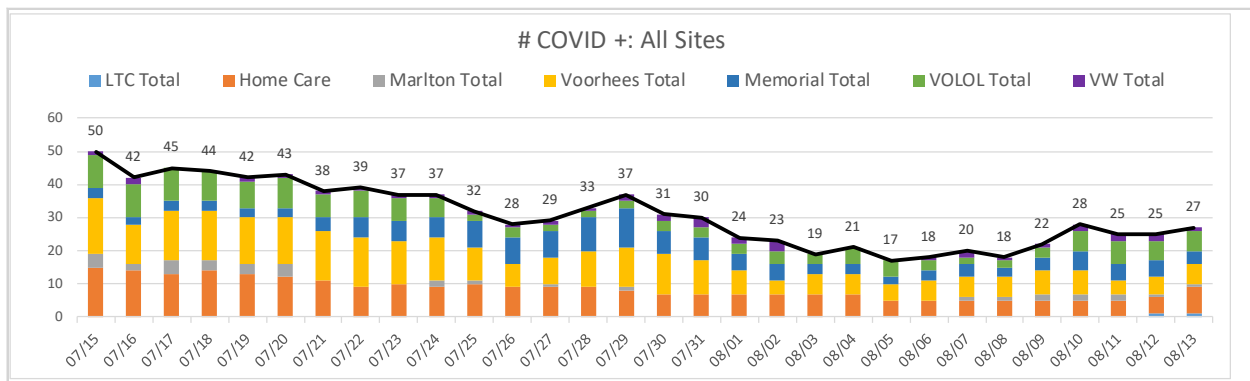
## Heads Up on Digital 411

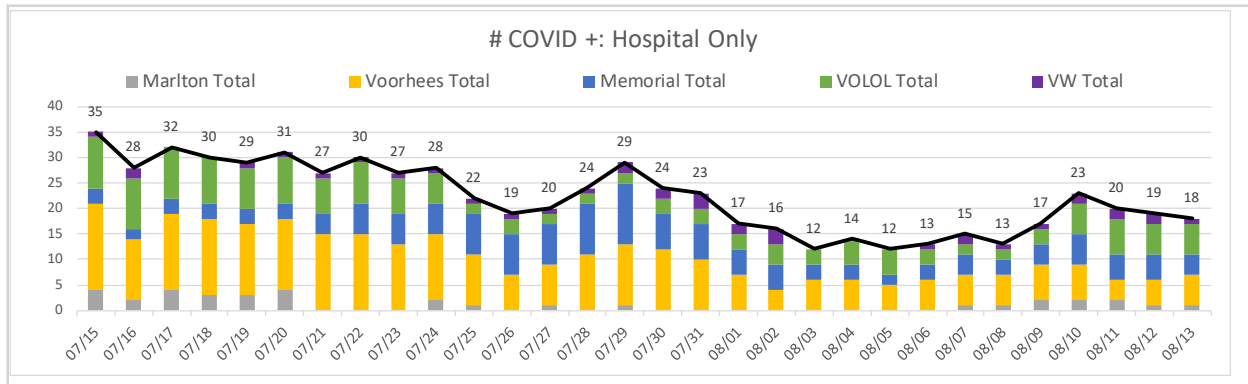
Throughout the pandemic, we have provided *Clinician Update* content on Virtua’s physician portal, Digital 411, in an open source space for our clinicians to find resources such as algorithms, testing centers sites, archived webinar content, and previous issues of this newsletter. By mid-September, we will be placing these documents in a password-protected location that VMG/VPP physicians can still access using their Virtua credentials. Members of the independent practices affiliated with Virtua through the Clinically Integrated Networks are currently being set up with credentials so that they may also access this content. Once we have provided those credentials, we will move the “[Coronavirus Update](#)” section of Digital 411 to the password-protected area. If you anticipate any concerns, please let us know by sending an email to [cdaly2@virtua.org](mailto:cdaly2@virtua.org).

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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 10, the rate of transmission in New Jersey has fallen to 0.92, now back down below what it had been last week when it was well over the 1.0 threshold.
- Based on data from August 8, the spot positivity rate for New Jersey is 2.09 percent; however, regionally, South Jersey continues to have the highest percent rate at 2.64 percent, whereas it is 1.90 percent in North Jersey and 1.82 percent in Central Jersey. The overall and regional percentages have also fallen since last week.
- Locally, in the tri-county area, there have been a total of 1,167 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 101 fatalities.
- The total number of cases are as follows:
  - Burlington County 6,094
  - Camden County 8,689
  - Gloucester County 3,339

### Travel Advisory Update

On **Aug. 11**, the State of New Jersey updated its 14-day quarantine travel advisory. Hawaii, South Dakota, and the U.S. Virgin Islands were added. Alaska, New Mexico, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Washington were removed. In total, 33 states and U.S. territories meet the criteria below. Click [here](#) to view the complete list.

The travel advisory applies to any individual traveling to or back to New Jersey from states with significant community spread of COVID-19. These states have a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents, or a state with a 10 percent or higher positivity rate over a seven-day rolling average.

The State of New Jersey advises individuals to quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of last contact within the identified state. However, per New Jersey Department of Health guidelines, health care workers, as “critical infrastructure workers,” are exempt from the 14-day quarantine period.

For Virtua Health colleagues traveling to those states, as well as any international travel, you are required to call the hotline at 609-444-2828 upon your return for guidance and return-to-work instructions. Colleagues who traveled to or from these areas, provided they are not exhibiting

symptoms, will return to work.

Should screening indicate that a 14-day period of self-monitoring is required before returning to work, colleagues may be required to use their own paid time off and/or may need to take time off on an unpaid basis if no paid time off is available.

Colleague travel to one of the 33 states and U.S. jurisdictions is strongly discouraged so as to ensure the health and safety of you, your family, your fellow colleagues, and patients.

### **ONEVirtua 2020 Program on Track for November Go-Live**

Lourdes Medical Associates (LMA), Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, and Virtua Willingboro Hospital will go-live with Epic and other clinical and technical systems on **Sunday, Nov. 1**. With this combined go-live, practices and hospitals will move to "one patient, one record" together, providing a consistent patient experience across the organization.

"The rollout of Virtua technologies and applications for the first wave of the ONEVirtua 2020 program was a success. Our project team continues to go the extra mile to ensure similar results for the combined go-live on Nov. 1," said Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer Tom Gordon.

Here's a look at activities in progress as we continue the ONEVirtua 2020 journey:

- Project teams continue technology improvement projects at practices, hospitals, and hospital outpatient departments. They are now completing construction and installation of new telephones, workstations, devices, and networking equipment.
- The deadline for managers to register their team members for training classes in the Virtua Learning System (VLS) was **Monday, Aug. 10**. Approximately 4,000 colleagues will receive training between **Tuesday, Sept. 8** and **Friday, Oct. 23**.
- There are 24 project teams working to complete testing efforts to transition nearly 150 applications.
- The go-live team is planning comprehensive IT support to ensure a smooth transition to Virtua systems and services, including a robust support plan, an IT leadership command center, and daily calls with operational leaders.

"We look forward to a successful go-live this fall that will establish a unified technology platform across the organization. Transitioning LMA practices and both hospitals to Epic and other technologies will ensure we are one fully integrated system," said Gordon.

For the latest updates and information regarding the ONEVirtua 2020 project, visit the [Digital 411](#) site and click on the [ONEVirtua 2020](#) tab on the VINE, or visit the [ONEVirtua SharePoint](#) site.

### **Virtua Recognizes Passing of Surgeon Robert Hill, MD**

Colleagues at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital were notified today of the death of Robert "Bob" Bruce Hill, MD, FACS, who passed away on Sunday, July 12. Dr. Hill was a dedicated physician who ran a busy and successful Haddonfield surgical practice affiliated with the hospital for 33 years. He retired in

2017. Private services were held in Delaware. To share condolences with his surviving family, visit <https://www.chandlerfuneralhome.com/obituaries/robert-bruce-hill-m-d/>