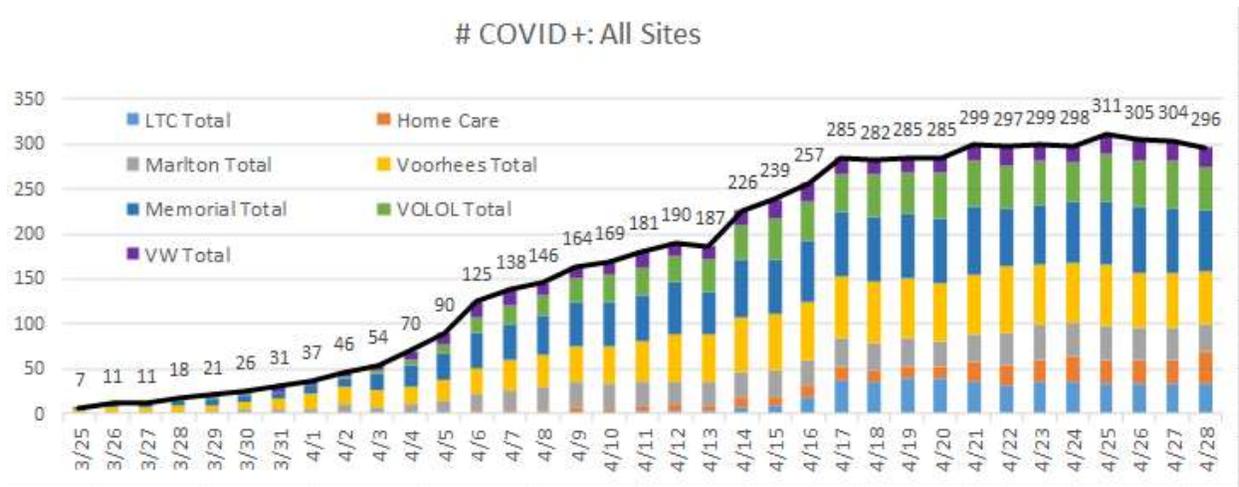


**COVID-19 Clinician Update**  
**Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

**By the Numbers**

The following charts reflect the latest figures for statewide and Virtua-site cases of COVID-19 and related response efforts.

NEW JERSEY		VIRTUA HEALTH		Data Snapshot
New Cases	2,668	Total Cases*	296 (-8)	* Virtua cases include hospitals, home care and long-term care.
Total Cases	113,856	Rule Outs/Patients Under Investigation (PUIs)	93 (-1)	**Hospital COVID/PUI discharges in NJ replaced recovered as a new metric to share on our path to recovery. Number is based on 24 hours prior to 10PM on 4/28.
New Deaths	398	COVID-19 % of Census	37%	Source: Department of Health New Jersey COVID-19 Dashboard
Total Lives Lost	6,442			
Hospital Discharges**	419			



Locally, in the tri-county area, there have been a total of 268 deaths, as of 1 p.m. on April 28. The total number of cases are as follows:

- Burlington County 2,543
- Camden County 3,285
- Gloucester County 1,179

**Virtua Relocates Camden COVID-19 Testing Site, Improving Access**

To expand upon Virtua’s testing center collaboration with Cooper University Health Care, Virtua is relocating the Camden City testing site from Cooper’s Poynt, 801 Delaware Avenue to 2600 Mount

Ephraim Avenue. Beginning Wednesday, April 29, Virtua's new drive-thru testing site will open to county residents, by appointment, who have symptoms and meet other criteria, and who have received a referral for testing from a medical provider.

The original testing site on Delaware Avenue will remain open and staffed by Cooper clinicians and we will test each other's patients in this joint project. Community testing is vital to limiting the spread of COVID-19 and by providing residents with additional testing access points; we are demonstrating our commitment to being there for our community.

### **Virtua Plasma Protocol**

**News of Inspiring Plasma Story Continues to Spread** - Virtua's Dr. Lukasz Polisiakiewicz, also known as Dr. Luke, was a guest on Fox29's Good Day Philadelphia, along with Marisa Leuzzi, the woman who provided a potentially life-saving plasma donation to two Virtua Voorhees COVID-19 patients, including her own aunt. People are longing to hear positive stories coming out of this pandemic and Virtua is happy to deliver. [Play Video](#)

**Uplifting, Inspiring Send-Off for Plasma Recipient** - The staff at Virtua Voorhees Hospital arranged an unforgettable farewell for patient Andy Fei. The husband and father from Mt. Laurel is the second COVID-19 patient in New Jersey to receive plasma therapy and recover from COVID-19. [Video Link](#)

**Plasma Donation for Treatment of COVID-19 Patients** - Since Virtua shared these remarkable success stories of our two patients recovering from convalescent plasma donation, many persons have reached out inquiring how they can become donors. It is a matter of pairing an individual donor with an individual patient. Individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 and are interested in donating plasma for treatment of patients with COVID-19 can find information about the treatment program by accessing [www.USCOVIDplasma.org](http://www.USCOVIDplasma.org) online. The Red Cross collects the donor's plasma. An online application to become a donor can be obtained at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### **Covid-19 Sparks Innovation**

**During Unusual Times, Intubation Boxes Provide Sense of Comfort** - With crowd-sourced community donations, a few South Jersey companies have combined resources and are leading the charge to create safety intubation boxes for hospitals in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York – free of charge. Seth Pearlman of Pearlman Designs in Voorhees teamed up with local companies to create Plexiglas boxes that limit health care workers exposure to aerosol droplets. Dr. Adam Glasofer, chief innovation officer of the Virtua Center for Innovation, received an intubation box and took it to the ICU at Virtua Memorial Hospital where it was received with resounding success. [Click here](#) to read the full article including how more than 200 people have made donations via Facebook to increase the production of these boxes.

**Rowan Engineers Adapt Scuba Gear for Medical Providers** - A surgeon wearing a scuba diving mask on the job is a strange sight in normal times, but these are not normal times. Personal protective equipment is in short supply worldwide, and Rowan University engineers are stepping up to help protect area medical providers. Acting on a request from Dr. Sean McMillan, chief of orthopedics at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and Virtua Willingboro Hospital, a Rowan biomedical engineering lecturer recently made 3Dprinted couplings to attach hospital ventilator filters to the snorkel tubing on scuba diving masks. [Click here](#) to read more about how Rowan University engineering faculty and students have been working on innovative ways to fight COVID-19.

### **Dr. Blaber Discusses Social Distancing and Surge Preparation on NJTV**

Virtua's chief clinical officer, Dr. Reginald Blaber, recently spoke to NJTV News about the benefits of social distancing and the importance of COVID-19 testing. He also explained how Virtua has spent nearly two months planning for a surge of COVID-19 patients. [Play Video](#)

### **Good News**

Yesterday, recovering COVID-19 patient Kim Dobson, 63, of Burlington City exited the front doors of Virtua Memorial Hospital to incredible cheers and applause. Kim, who just days earlier was gravely ill on a ventilator, waved to her daughter for the first time and to all of her new Virtua friends as she was escorted to a medical transport vehicle to complete her recovery at a nearby rehabilitation center. The air was simply electric, with the spirit of a high school pep rally, and local media documented the entire experience. These moments are touching reminders of the incredible difference our Virtua family is making each and every day. The story made the front page of today's *Philadelphia Inquirer*. [See video](#)

### **Three Cheers for Voorhees and Berlin**

Virtua colleagues were once again recognized by local police departments and other first responders. This serenade of sirens went to Virtua Voorhees Hospital and the Virtua Berlin campus, and the *Courier Post* captured it all with photos and videos. [Click here](#)

### **Voices of Virtua — Let's Hear Your Voice**

Over the past few weeks, it has been inspiring to see an outpouring of love and appreciation from our Virtua colleagues. From photos and videos of colleagues working together to a parade of first responders honking their horns and flashing their lights — we're all in this together and share a special bond.

We encourage these gestures of support to continue by asking you to take a quick "selfie video" from your mobile phone and share your messages of gratitude and encouragement, as well as personal fears, triumphs, and hopes.

It may seem like a small gesture, but it has been proven that words of inspiration matter to your fellow colleagues. It gives us all the strength and motivation to carry on towards the end of the road and towards a brighter, more appreciative outlook towards life.

Please be sure that your video is under two minutes, is shot in a well-lit, quiet environment, and that your phone is positioned for a wide or horizontal shot.

Once complete, please email your video to [virtuainfo@virtua.org](mailto:virtuainfo@virtua.org). Your video may be shared in the Coronavirus and/or Clinician Update, social media, the VINE, and other outlets beginning Hospital Week, May 10 to 16. Featured colleagues will be entered to win a #RespectThe6Feet t-shirt.