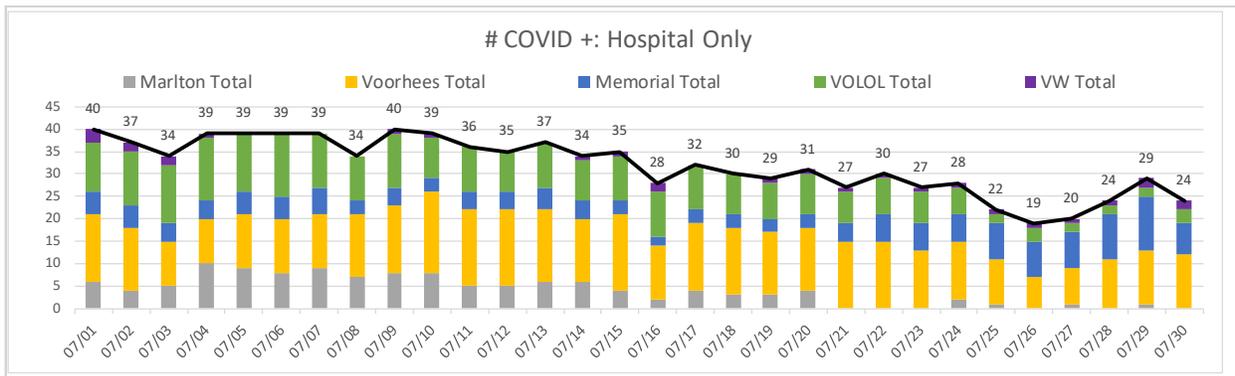
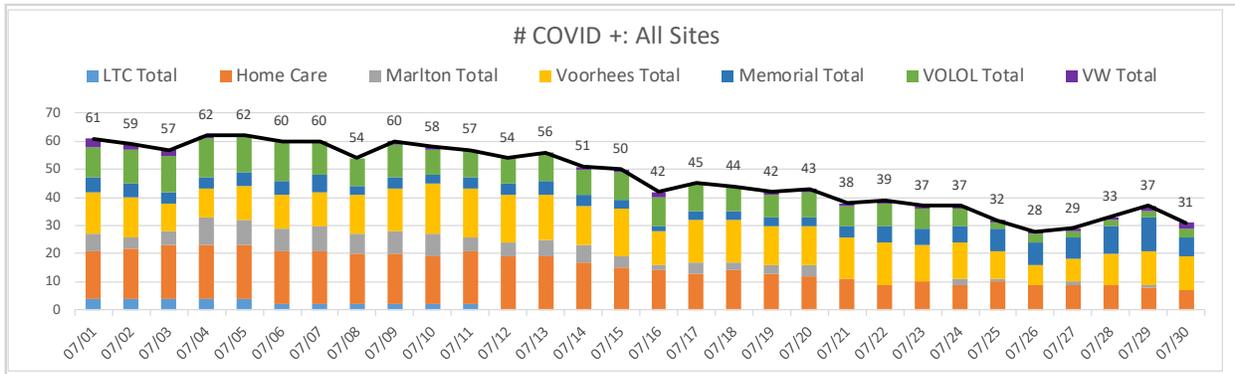


COVID-19 Clinician Update

July 30, 2020

By the Numbers

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



Fast Facts

- As of July 28, the rate of transmission in New Jersey is 1.14.
- Based on data from July 25, the spot positivity rate for New Jersey is 2.43 percent; however, regionally, South Jersey has the highest percent rate at 4.08, whereas it is 1.32 percent in North Jersey and 2.01 percent in Central Jersey.
- Locally, in the tri-county area, there have been a total of 1,144 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 102 fatalities.
- The total number of cases are as follows:
 - Burlington County 5,732
 - Camden County 8,240
 - Gloucester County 3,031

COVID-19 Testing Centers in Moorestown and Voorhees Change Hours of Operation

Effective this week, Virtua has adjusted the schedule at the COVID-19 Testing Centers in Moorestown and Voorhees.

Hours of operation are as follows at the COVID-19 Testing Center in Moorestown:

- **Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday:** 8 a.m. to noon
- **Tuesday and Wednesday:** Closed

The outdoor, tented center is adjacent to the Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Moorestown located on 401 Young Ave. Residents of Burlington County with active COVID-19 symptoms do not require an appointment for testing; all others must have a referral from a Virtua-affiliated clinician. The center offers both walk up and drive thru testing.

Hours of operation are as follows at the COVID-19 Testing Center in Voorhees:

- **Monday to Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.
- **Pediatric Tent — Monday to Sunday:** 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The center is located at the Virtua Barry D. Brown Health Education Center on 106 Carnie Blvd., Voorhees. The center offers drive thru testing and requires an appointment.

Virtua Hospitals Recognized as Among the Best in New Jersey and Philadelphia Area

Virtua Voorhees and Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital are among the best performing hospitals in New Jersey and the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area in the latest *U.S News and World Report* 2020-2021 rankings. Virtua Memorial Hospital and Virtua Willingboro Hospital also received recognition as top performers in the treatment of specific medical conditions.

Virtua Voorhees ranks as the seventh best hospital in New Jersey and ninth best in the Philadelphia Metro Area. Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes is rated 12th best in New Jersey and 13th best in the Philadelphia Metro Area.

U.S News and World Report declared all five Virtua hospitals as high performers in the following services:

- [Virtua Voorhees](#) (including Virtua Marlton Hospital) for treating chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and heart failure and for performing colon cancer surgery, hip replacement surgery, and knee replacement surgery
- [Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes](#) for treating COPD and heart failure and for performing heart bypass surgery
- [Virtua Memorial](#) for treating COPD and heart failure
- [Virtua Willingboro](#) for treating COPD and heart failure
- Click [here](#) for additional details.

Travel Advisory Update

On **July 28**, the State of New Jersey updated its 14-day quarantine travel advisory to include an additional five states, which include the District of Columbia, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, and Puerto Rico. In total, 36 states 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% or higher positivity rate over a 7-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 colleague hotline at 609-444-2828 upon 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 36 states is strongly discouraged to ensure the health and safety of you, your family, your fellow colleagues, and patients.

Preparing for Emergency Situations

Last week, a serious act of violence occurred at Delaware Valley Urology here in our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who were impacted and those who are still processing the senselessness of it all.

While incidents like what occurred last week at a neighboring facility may be nearly impossible to predict, it is important that, here at Virtua, we develop strong instincts, training and policies so we all know how to stay safe, to spot early warning signs, if possible, and to react appropriately should a situation arise. Ongoing communication and preparation is vitally important in emergency situations.

Virtua has a dedicated group of security professionals to assist at our campuses; however, we encourage all of our colleagues and clinicians to be actively engaged in keeping each other and our facilities safe and secure. We must each do our part by:

- Being aware of our surroundings
- Reporting all suspicious persons or activities to Virtua Security or the local police
- Knowing the location of emergency communication devices
- Locating exits and secure hiding places in your work areas
- Participating in emergency preparedness exercises

We all recognize that patients and their families are often experiencing difficult health, personal, and financial circumstances that can trigger rude or violent behavior. It is always helpful to know how to de-escalate an angry verbal exchange by:

- Remaining calm in your expression and your voice
- Not arguing
- Empathizing with the aggressor’s feelings and being non-judgmental
- Avoiding anything that would increase the person’s anger

- Signaling to others that you may need help

To raise awareness of emergency events, Virtua utilizes the Virtua Emergency Communication Network, powered by Everbridge. This system sends emergency messages across Virtua, to community members and to designated emergency contacts through email, cell, office, home telephone, and text messages, as well as desktop alerts through the IT computer network. The ability to communicate critical time-sensitive information quickly to the right stakeholders when a stressful situation unfolds is crucial.

Additionally, you can access many of our emergency response plans, emergency contact information, incident specific action plans, and incident command system forms and documents via the [My-EOP app](#) which can be downloaded to your mobile device.

We encourage everyone to use this tragic incident as a reminder to play an active role in keeping ourselves, our fellow colleagues, patients, and guests safe.

Help Your Community by Giving Blood

We invite you to help the American Red Cross maintain a sufficient blood supply, especially due to the reactivation of surgeries and procedures.

Blood drives are scheduled throughout South Jersey at various Virtua locations in the days ahead. Virtua is working with the American Red Cross to host several upcoming blood drives.

The dates are as follows:

Monday, Aug. 3

Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Moorestown, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Washington Township, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 6

Virtua Health & Wellness Center – Berlin, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 14

303 Lippincott Drive, Marlton, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

Virtua Voorhees, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 27

303 Lippincott Drive, Marlton, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 27

Virtua William G. Rohrer Fitness Center, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Red Cross continues to take additional measures to ensure the safety of its donors and recipients. These include donor temperature screenings, additional screening questions, enhanced disinfecting, and social distancing, among other tactics.

It is quick and easy to sign up for our blood drives. Appointments are preferred. Click [here](#) to sign up and use sponsor code Virtua.

To thank donors for giving blood, the American Red Cross is offering a free medium iced coffee and classic donut from Dunkin' Donuts during the month of August as well as a \$5 Amazon gift card from **Saturday, Aug. 1 to Thursday, Sept. 3**. Visit www.rcblood.org/together and www.amazon.com/gc-legal for details.