



Coronavirus Updates for
Virtua Health Affiliated Practices

Webinar #8

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Agenda & Panelists

- Introductions
- Current State of Events
- Policy Changes
- A Call to Arms
- Coronavirus and Virtua Laboratory Services



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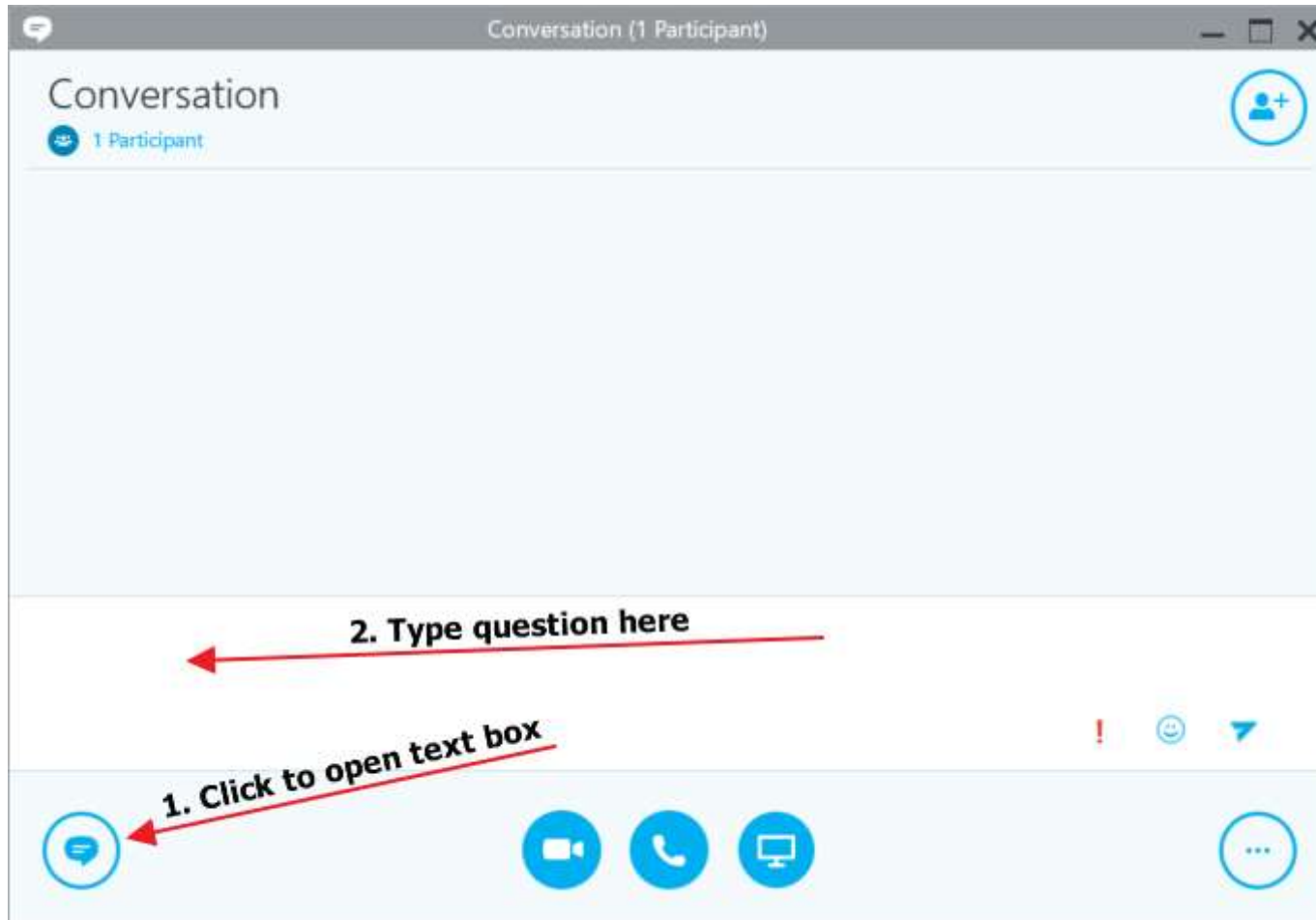


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Best Way to Ask a Question



Over the Last Week

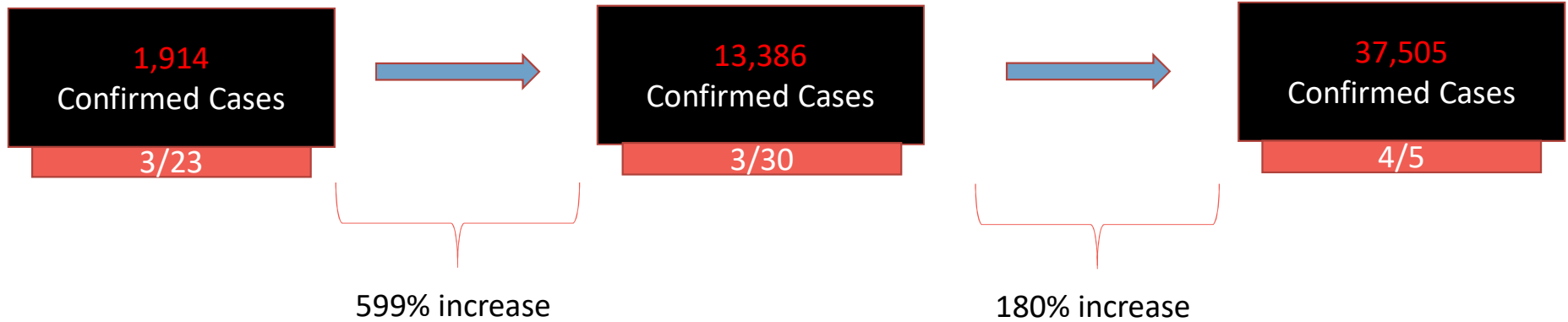
Global

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| 3/23 | 351,731 | | 105% increase |
| 3/30 | 720,117 | | 76.3% increase |
| 4/5 | 1,270,069 | | |

National

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|------|---------|--|---------------|
| 3/23 | 35,241 | | 300% increase |
| 3/30 | 140,886 | | 138% increase |
| 4/5 | 335,524 | | |

Over the Last Week – New Jersey



Regionally

As of 3/23/2020

Confirmed Cases:

56

As of 3/29/2020

Confirmed Cases:

377

As of 4/6/2020

Confirmed Cases:

1351

Virtua Confirmed CoVid
Cases Currently Admitted:

9

Virtua Confirmed CoVid
Cases Currently Admitted:

45

Virtua Confirmed CoVid
Cases Currently Admitted:

121



Policy Changes

News You need to Know

- **Executive order 113** formally authorizes the State Police to commandeer supplies and equipment, including N95 masks, ventilators and other PPE.
 - In a related event, the U.S. Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services announced they will distribute PPE seized from hoarders to those on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response in New York and New Jersey.
- **Executive Order 112** authorizes the Division of Consumer Affairs to temporarily reactivate the licenses of recently retired healthcare professionals and grant temporary licenses to doctors licensed in foreign countries.
 - The executive order also temporarily permits certain health care professionals to perform acts outside of their ordinary scope of practice.
- **To Prevent a Shortage of Possible Vital Medication**

d. All prescriptions written for hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine for the possible treatment of COVID-19, shall be supported by a positive test result, which must be documented on the prescription and in the medical record, and shall be limited to a 14-day supply, with no refills permitted. Patients who are being treated with maintenance prescriptions for certain pre-existing conditions, such as lupus or other autoimmune diseases, may continue to obtain refills of hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, and shall not be subject to the 14-day limitation.



A Call to Arms

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Coronavirus and Virtua Lab Services

Discussion with:

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Current testing performed at Virtua Voorhees Lab

- We began in-house testing at Voorhees Lab 3/31/2020 by in-house validation (NJDOH approval received) for an FDA unapproved test –PCR method
- Manufacturer of our in-house test received approval from FDA, emergency use authorization for the test on 4/2/2020
- Testing time to get results from instrument is 3 hours
- 24 specimens can be tested simultaneously

How are we controlling who gets tested

- Getting a regular supply of reagents to perform testing has been a challenge
- Currently prioritizing ED patients who are being admitted, symptomatic laboring mothers, all other testing is approved by Dr. Topiel
- We are working with other vendors to begin testing on other instruments with shorter TATs

Current testing performed at Virtua Voorhees Lab

- Specimen for In-house testing is a nasopharyngeal swab in a 3 mL viral transport medium (OP swab is also acceptable)

Referral Labs

- For reference Labs such as Quest and LabCorp nasal washings are also acceptable other than NP and OP swabs
- Quest and LabCorp TAT is 4-5 days

Other tests on the market

- There are several tests being marketed by various vendors
- Most of the tests that have an high accuracy for current infection (PCR) are in short supply
- POC (looks like a pregnancy test) is being marketed by various vendors. Test detects IgG and IgM and may have a latency period in becoming positive.

FAQs

1. How many tests can we perform in a 24 hour period

Answer : **250 provided we have enough reagents**

2. What is the biggest barrier to do more testing

Answer: **availability of reagents**

3. What is the capacity of the Drive Thru/ walk in centers

Voorhees: around 130 cars (8:00-4:30, 7 days/week)

Camden: around 50 persons (12:00 – 4:00 M-F)



How can we help our community

- ARC has reported a shortage of blood as many blood drives have been cancelled
- Virtua is keeping the blood drive schedule to assist ARC
- The last drive for April is Virtua Lippincott Campus-Marlton on Friday, April 24th 8am-2pm

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The screenshot shows the Virtua Health Digital 411 website. At the top left is the Virtua Health logo. To the right, there are navigation links for "Home" and "Administration", followed by a search bar and a "Go" button. Below the navigation is a banner image of healthcare professionals. A red arrow points from the "Featured Items" section to the "Coronavirus Update" button in the "Additional Resources" section.

Virtua Health
DIGITAL 411

Home | Administration Go

Digital 411 Access **Featured Items** **Additional Resources**

- Video Quick Tips and Education
- Tech Support and Requirements
- Report a Problem
- ONEVirtua 2020
- Coronavirus Update

IMPORTANT

WEBINAR 4/9/2020 - WILL FOCUS ON THE OPERATIONS OF VPP
AND LHN DURING THE COVID-19 SURGE

*THIS WILL AFFECT PATIENT CARE AND WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND ALL PRIMARY
CARE CLINICIANS AND STAFF ATTEND*