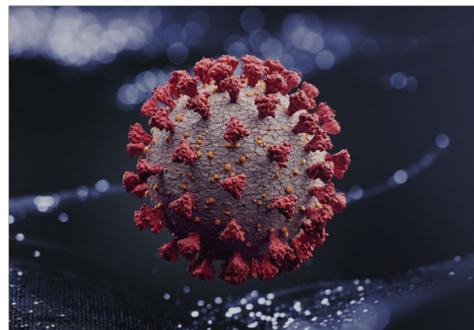




# COVID-19 Wave 2 Webinar

## *Outpatient Focus*

Nov. 18, 2020



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# Agenda and Panelists

- Welcome
- Numbers/Trends
- Projections
- What We Know; Outpatient Screening and Treatment
- Exposures and Quarantining; Evolving Therapies
- Testing Locations
- Remote Monitoring
- Support for Patients and Clinicians
- Q&A

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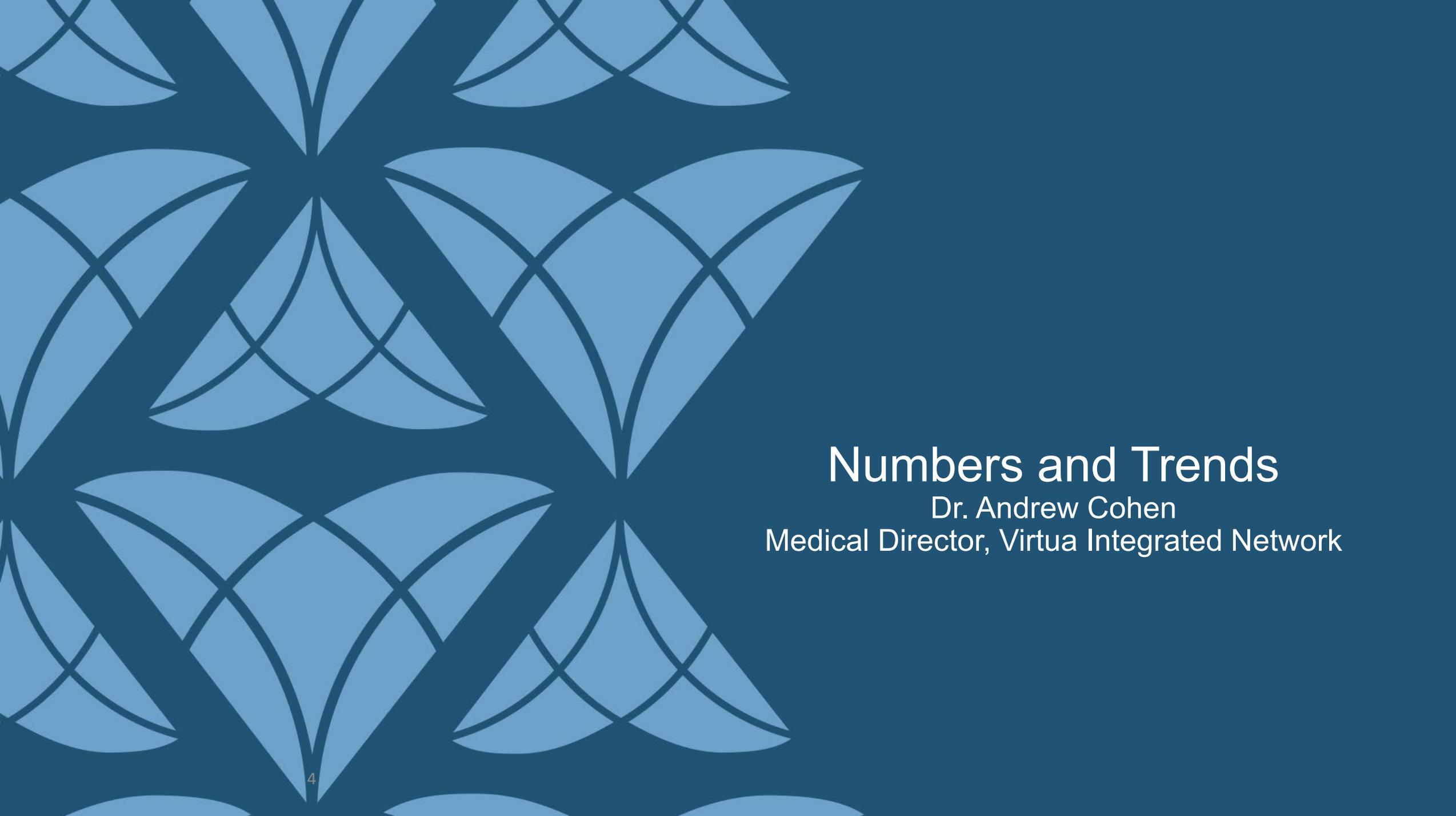
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# Numbers and Trends

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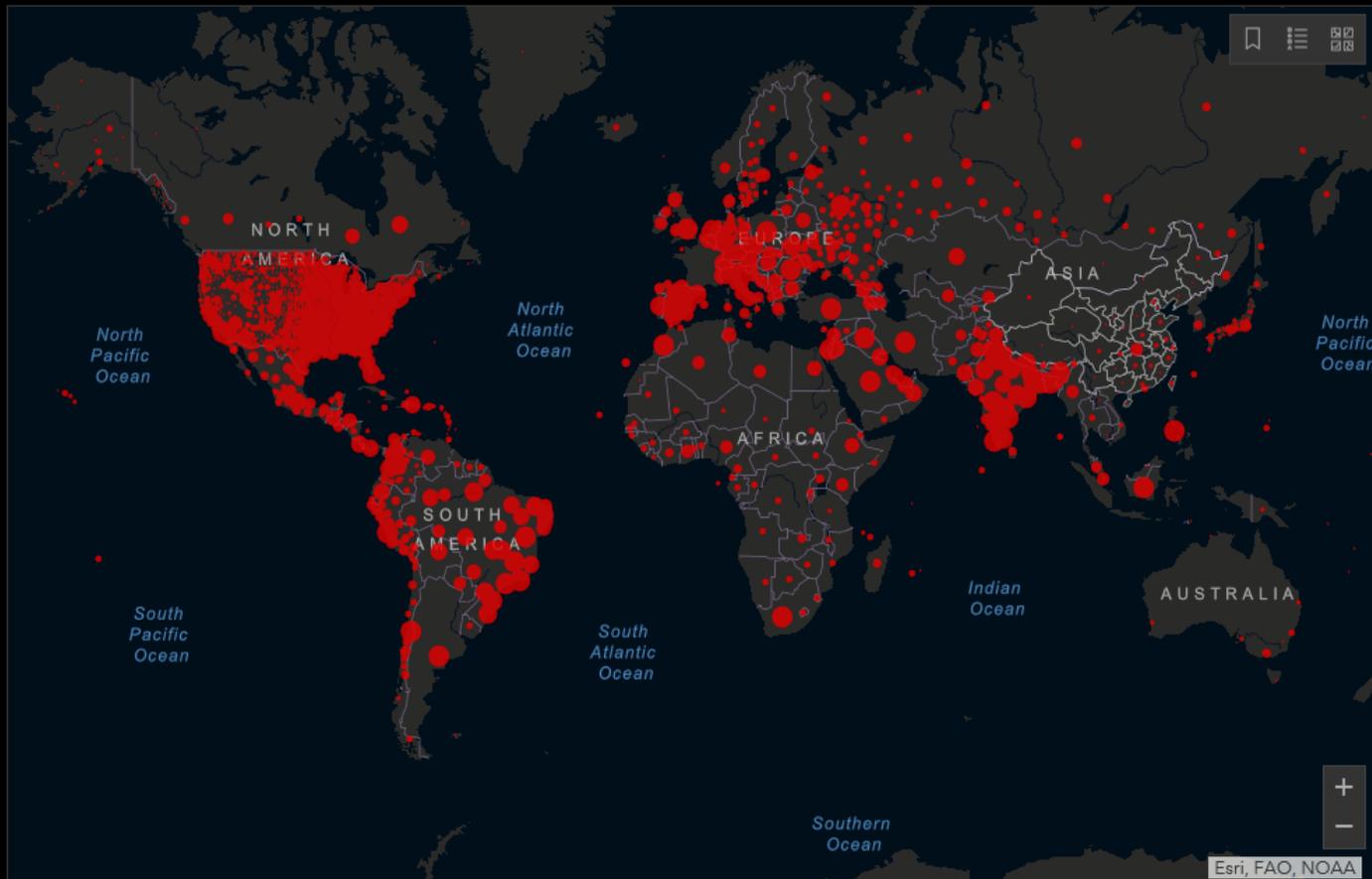
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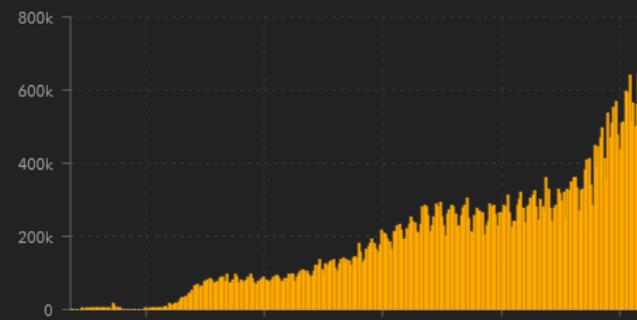
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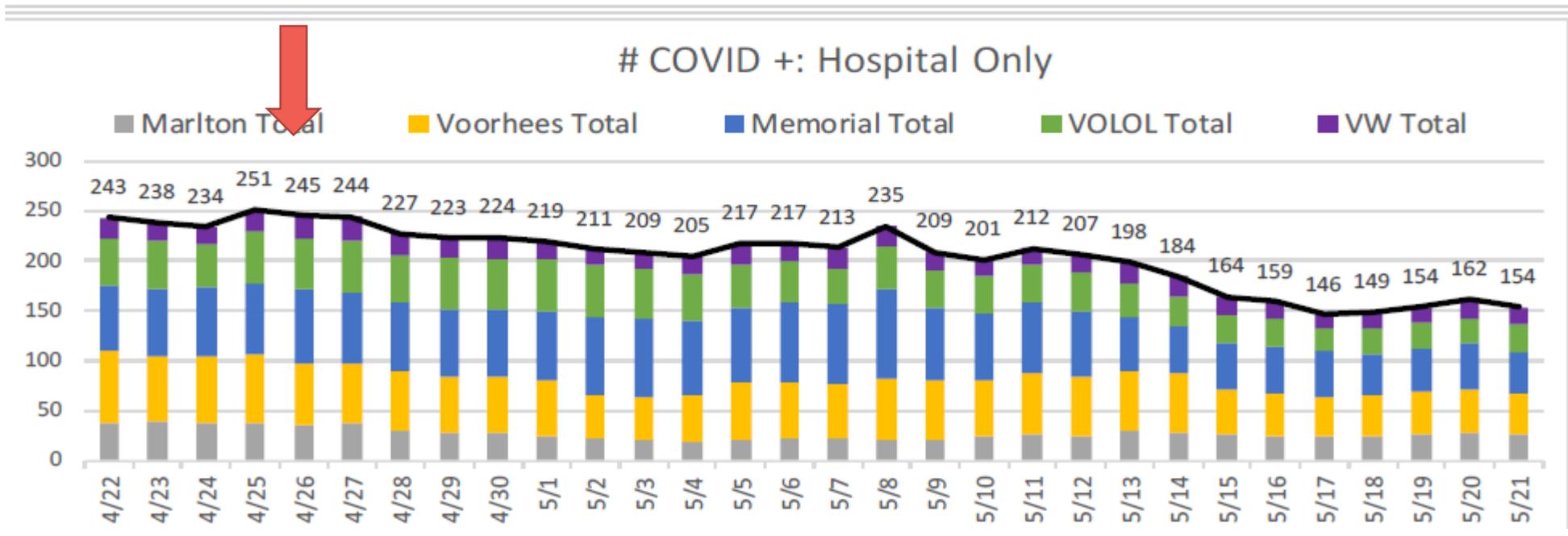
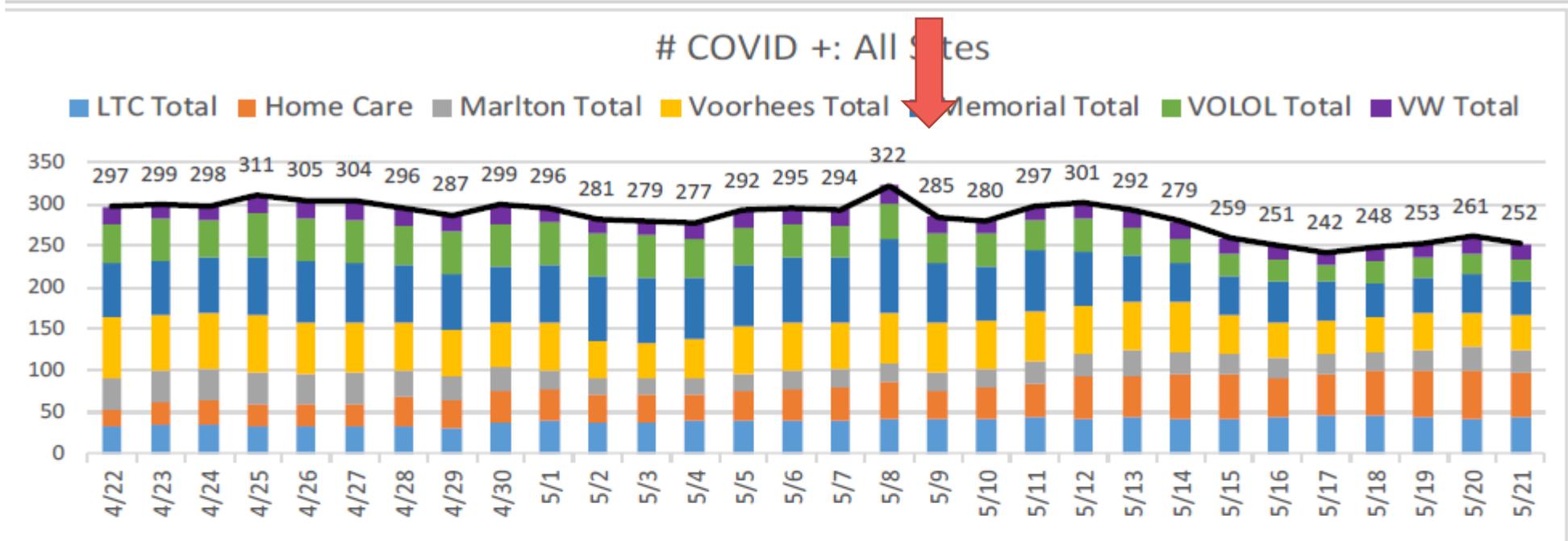
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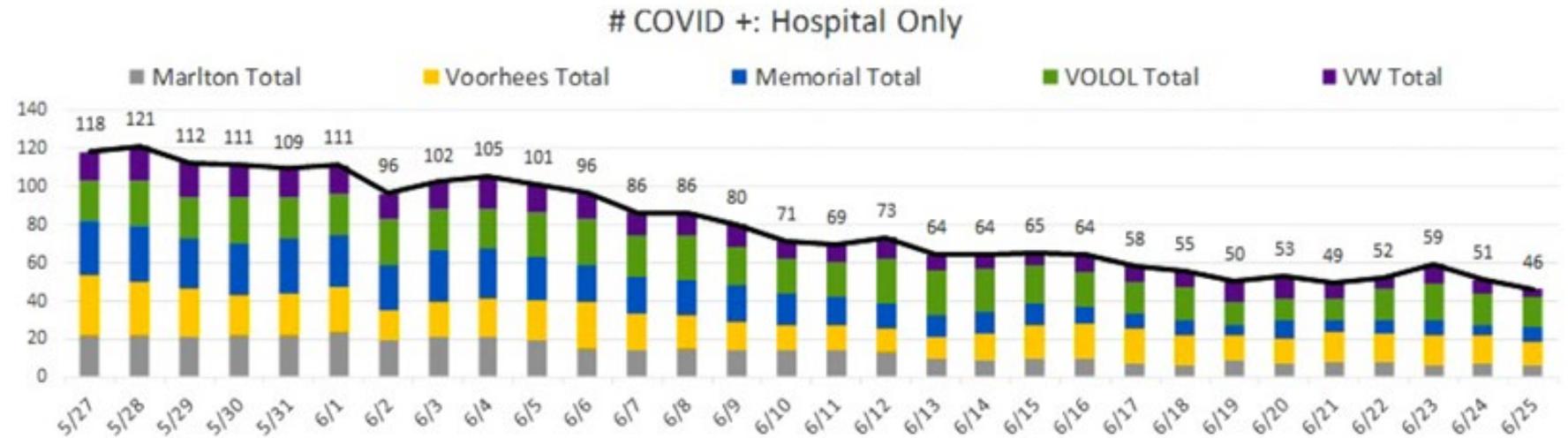
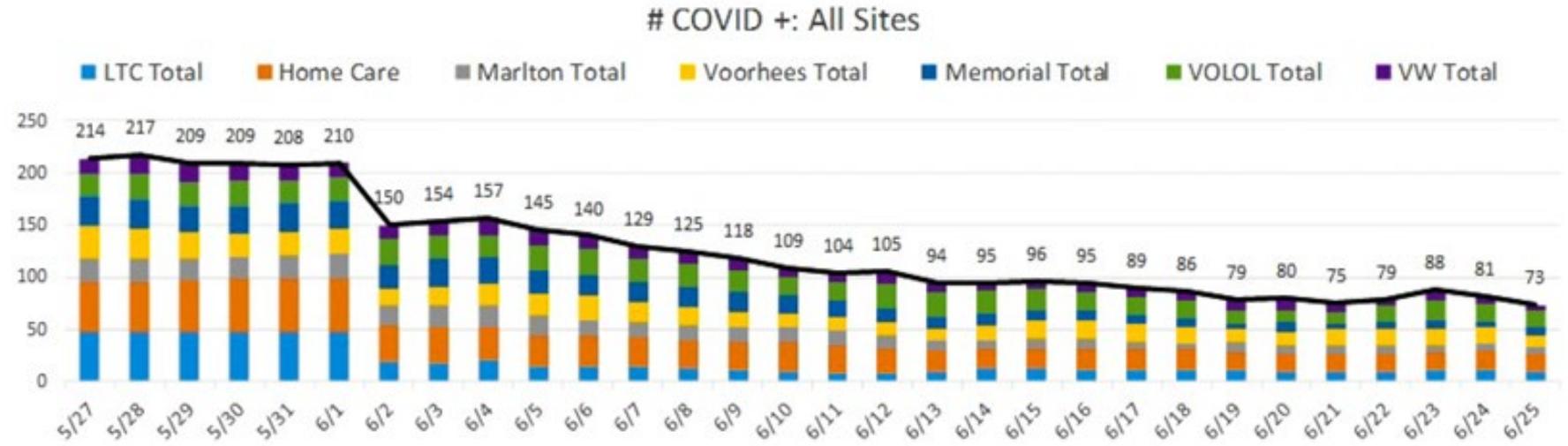


Daily Cases

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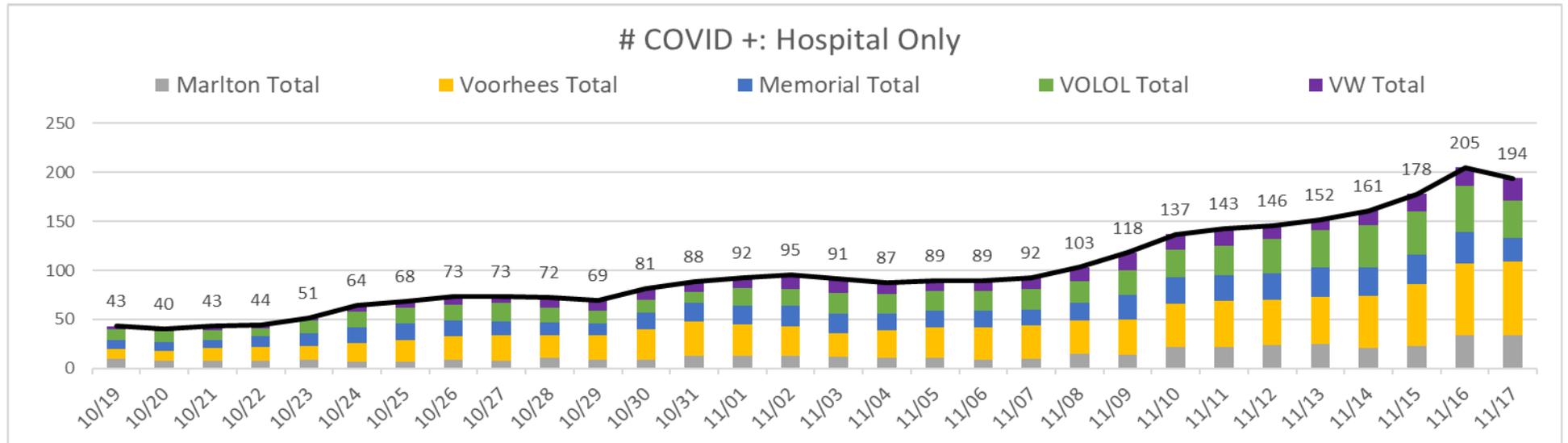
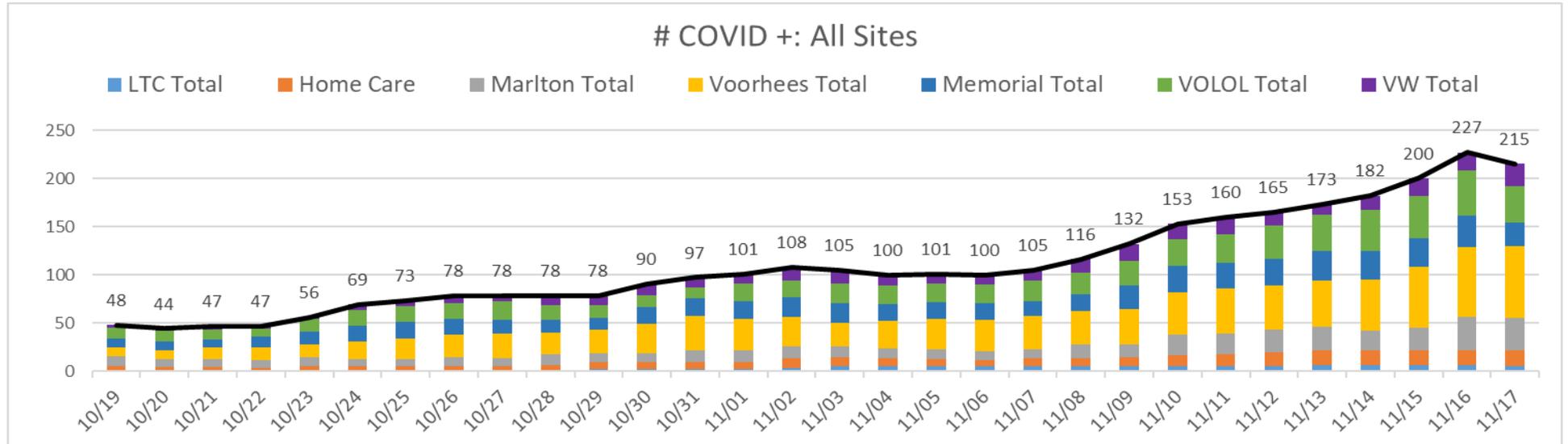


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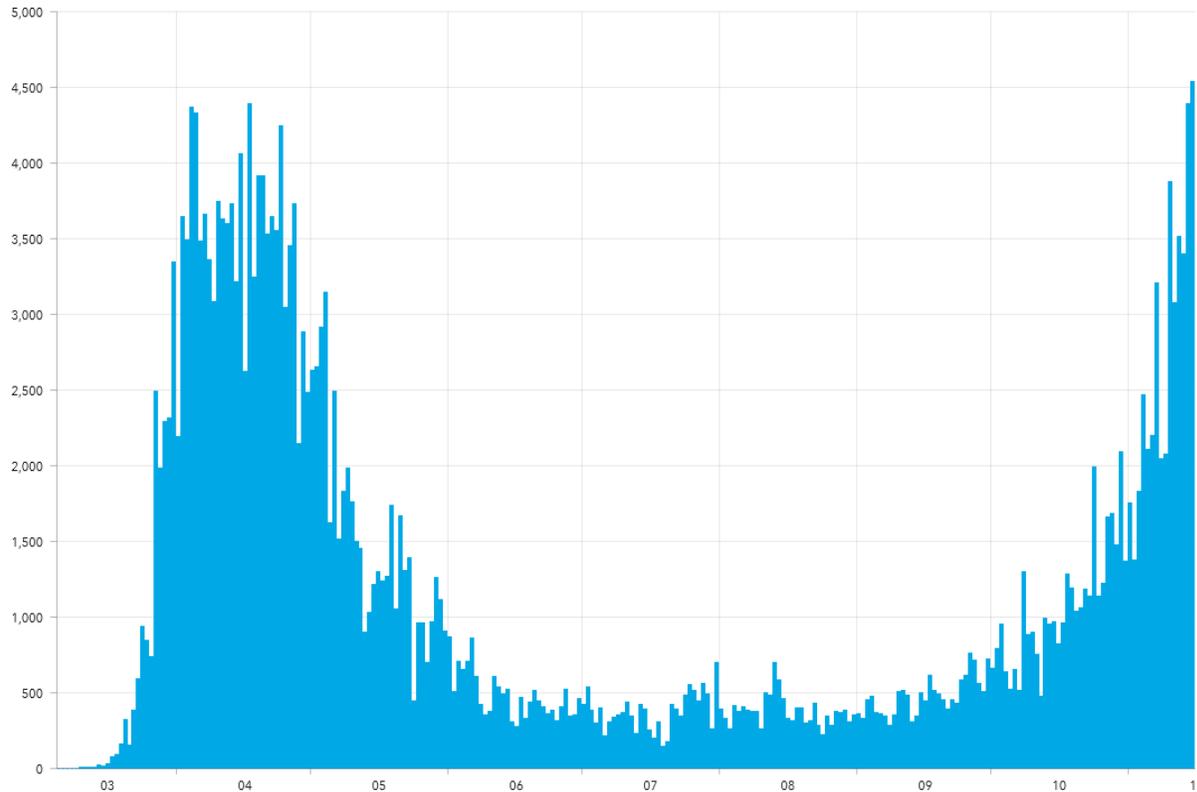


# Wave 2

## Fall 2020



# New Jersey New Daily Cases



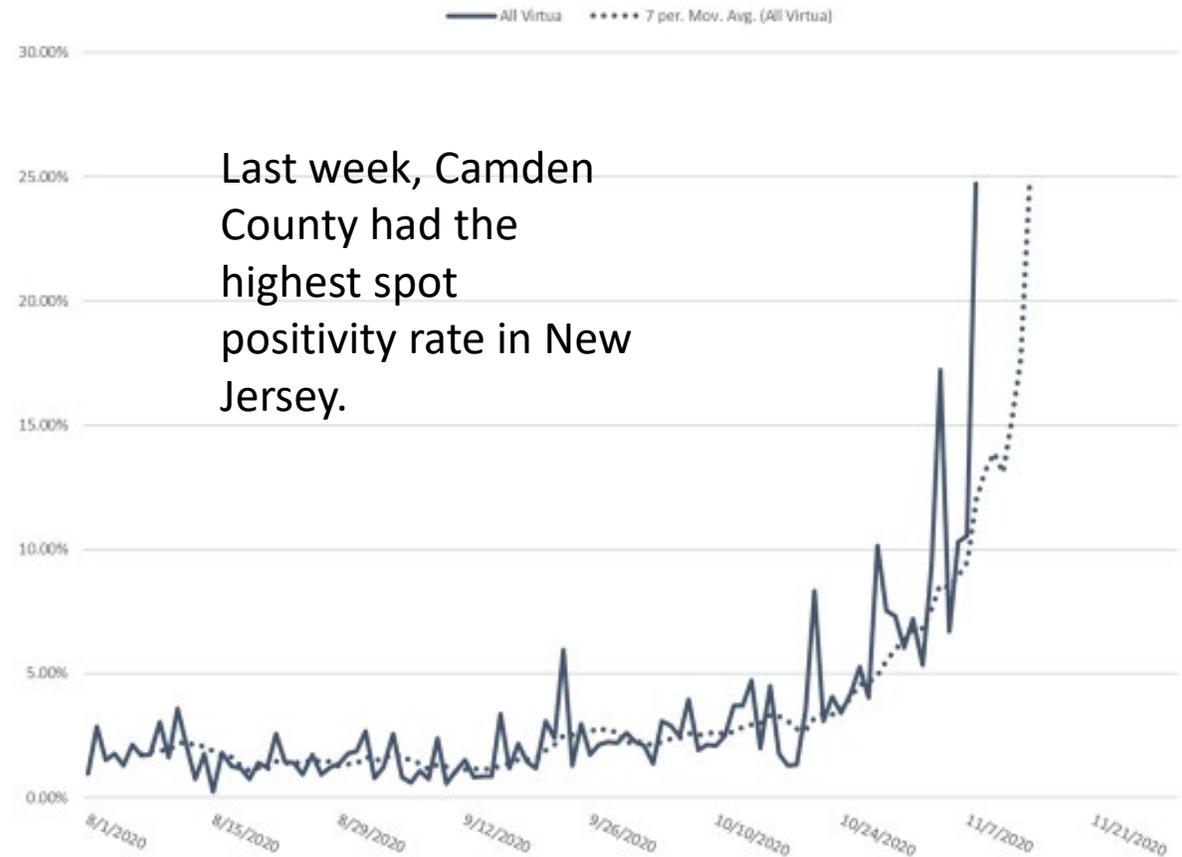
New Cases

**4,060**

Rate of Transmission (Rt)

**1.42**

# Virtua Testing Positivity Rate



Last week, Camden County had the highest spot positivity rate in New Jersey.

# Fundamental Difference Wave 1 v Wave 2:

*Most cases can be categorized as **community exposures**, brought on by gatherings of family and friends and relaxed vigilance in safety precautions.*



# Virtua COVID-19 Projections

Dr. Tarun Kapoor  
Chief Digital Transformation Officer

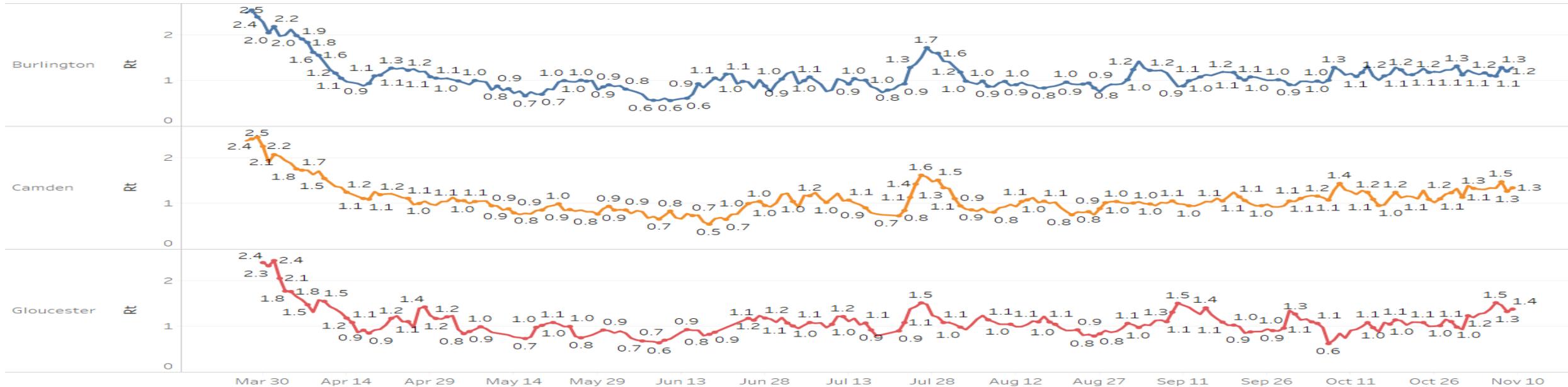
# Points to Consider About Projections

- Doesn't take accurate social distancing into consideration as its hard to get the **effective rate of social distancing**
- Parameters of model are **best estimate**
- Epidemiologists do not recommend using any model to predict out **more than 2 weeks**
- The model needs to be **frequently recalibrated** to get accurate results
- **Winter hospitalization rate unclear** if it matches experience from the spring
- **Admits and LOS** for Virtua system is still need to be reconciled.

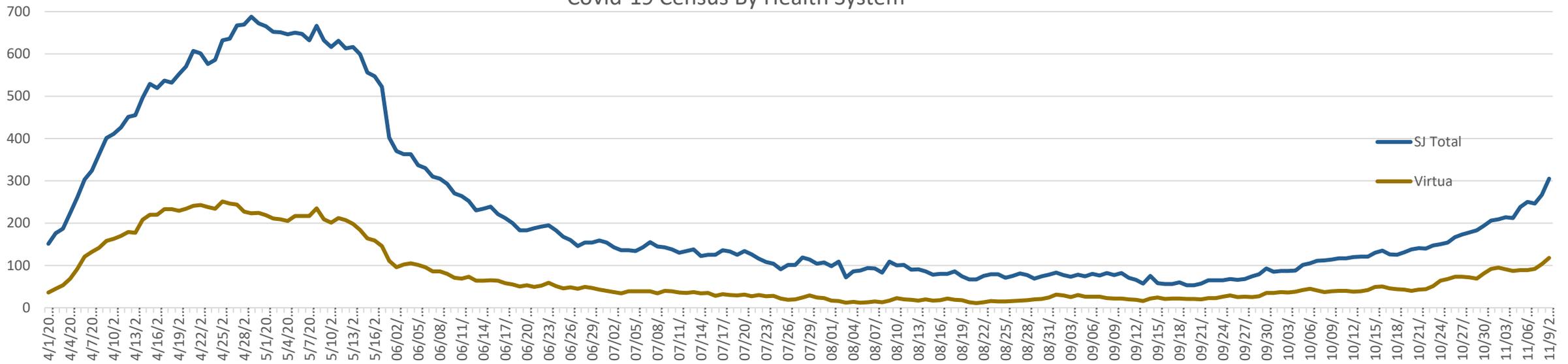
# Regional Data Trends

The Rt is moving in similar range as in April.

If  $R_t > 1$ , the virus will spread out and the disease will become an epidemic; if  $R_t = 1$ , the virus will spread locally and the disease is endemic; if  $R_t < 1$ , the virus will stop spreading and the disease will disappear eventually.



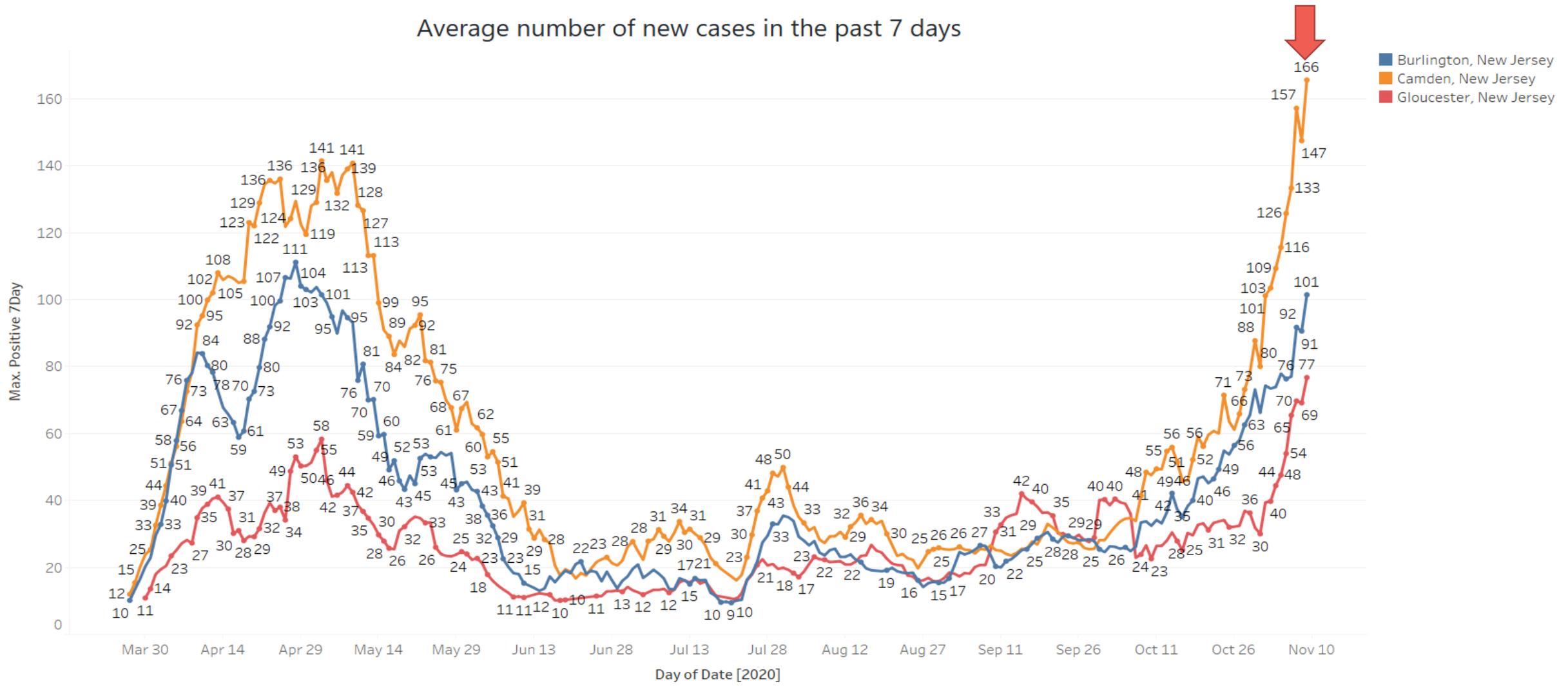
Covid-19 Census By Health System



# SJ Cases by Week

7 days avg. for Camden county is higher than wave 1(Mar/April)

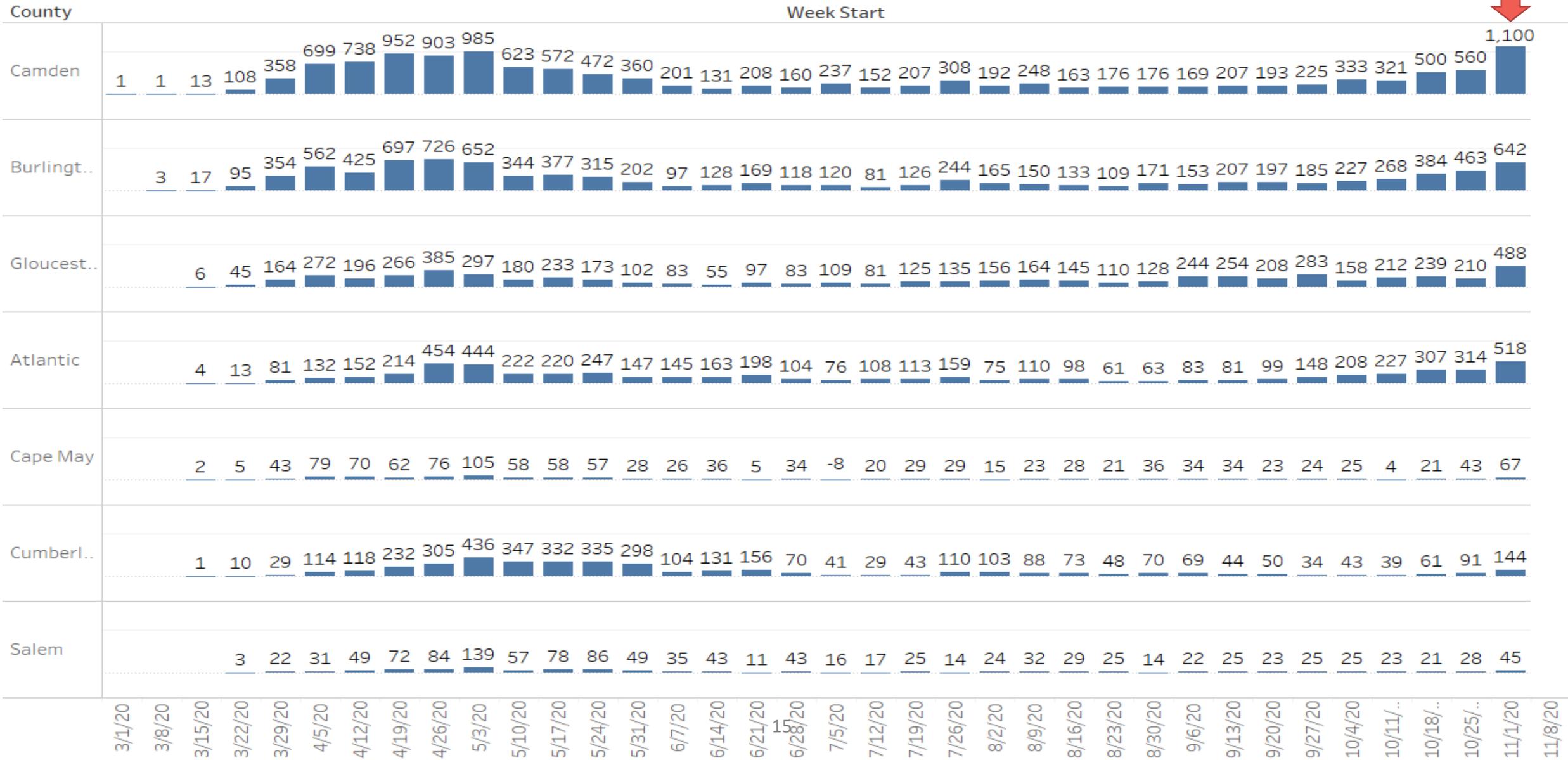
Average number of new cases in the past 7 days



# SJ Cases by Week

# of Positive Cases for Covid-19

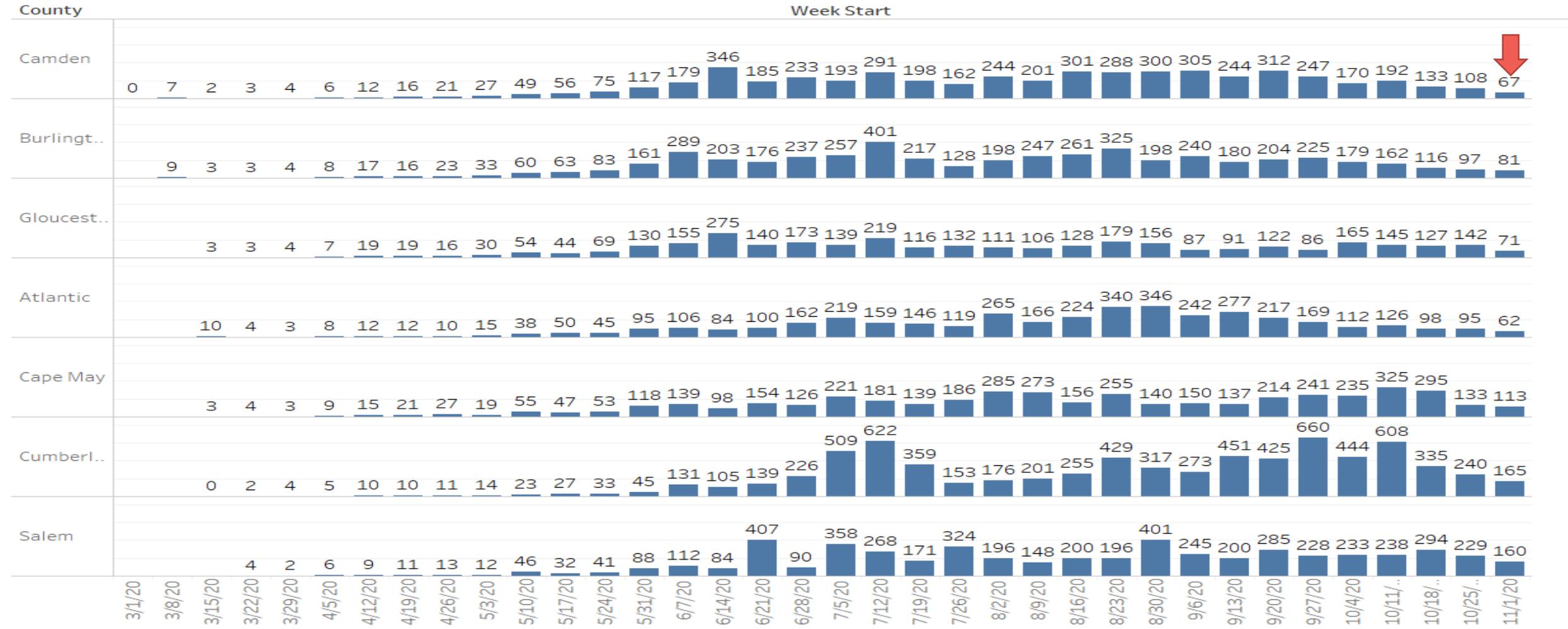
Cases have drastically increased in week of 11/1.



# SJ Doubling Time

Doubling time by week has decrease drastically

## Doubling Time



Maximum of Doubling Time for each Week Start broken down by County. The marks are labeled by maximum of Doubling Time.

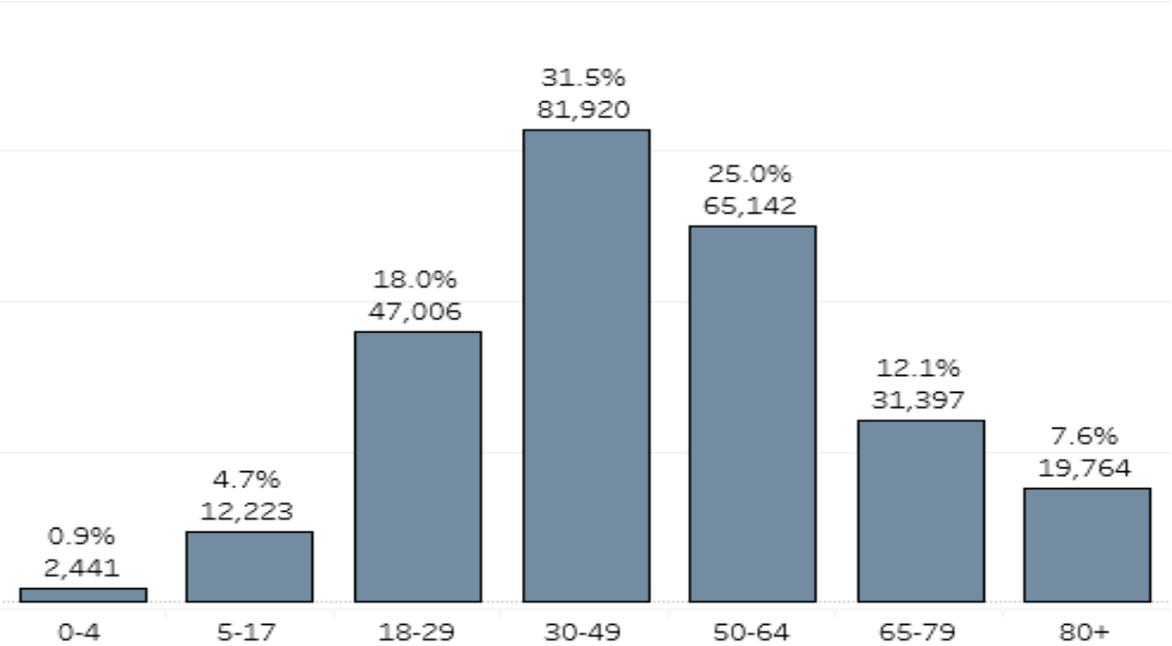
# Best Estimate Based on Models

	SIR Model ( More Likely)
Arrival of Peak Volume or Spikes	Nov27 <sup>th</sup> –Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 06 <sup>th</sup> –Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>
First Peak Daily Admissions	35-50 (Nov27 <sup>th</sup> –Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
First Peak Census Max Peak Census	180-250(Nov27 <sup>th</sup> –Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> ) TBD (Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> – Jan 12 <sup>th</sup> ???)

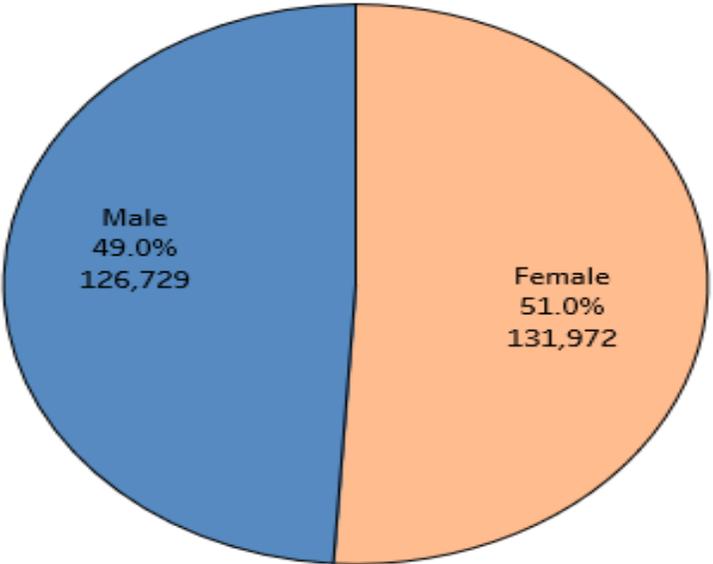
Similar to  
Virtua's peak  
census in late  
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# Tri County (Cam., Burl., Glou.)

All Cases by Age Group



All Cases by Gender



Unclear how this translates into hospitalization rates



What We Know

# Outpatient Screening and Management

Dr. Eric Szejman  
Medical Director

# COVID 19

- SARS-CoV-2

- Initially reported in Wuhan, China 12/2019
- Global Pandemic – March 11, 2020 WHO Declaration
  - 114 Countries
  - 118,000 cases
  - 4,291 death



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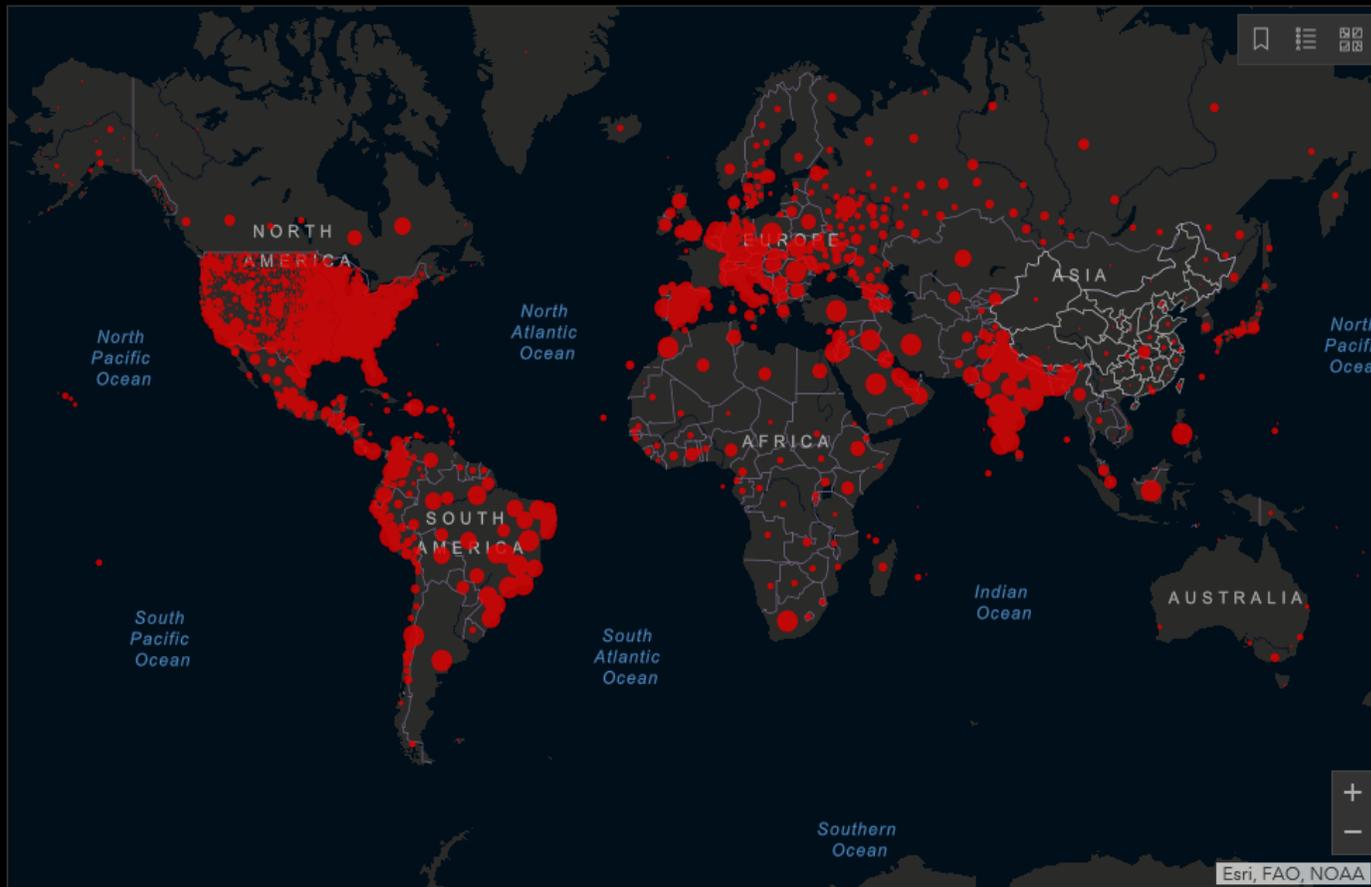
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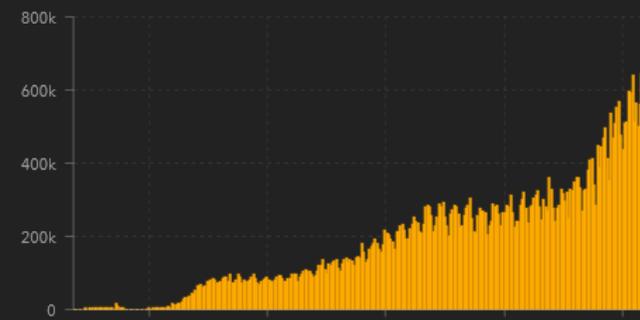
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Daily Cases

- Cases and Trends
- Hospital Census
- Schools
- Case and Mortality Summaries
- Contact Tracing
- Hospital Discharges
- Long Term Care

### COVID-19 Dashboard

**Stage 2: Moderate Risk**  
 Activities Restarted with Safeguarding



Updated: 11/16/2020  
 Comments about this dashboard: [Covid.Dashboard@doh.nj.gov](mailto:Covid.Dashboard@doh.nj.gov)  
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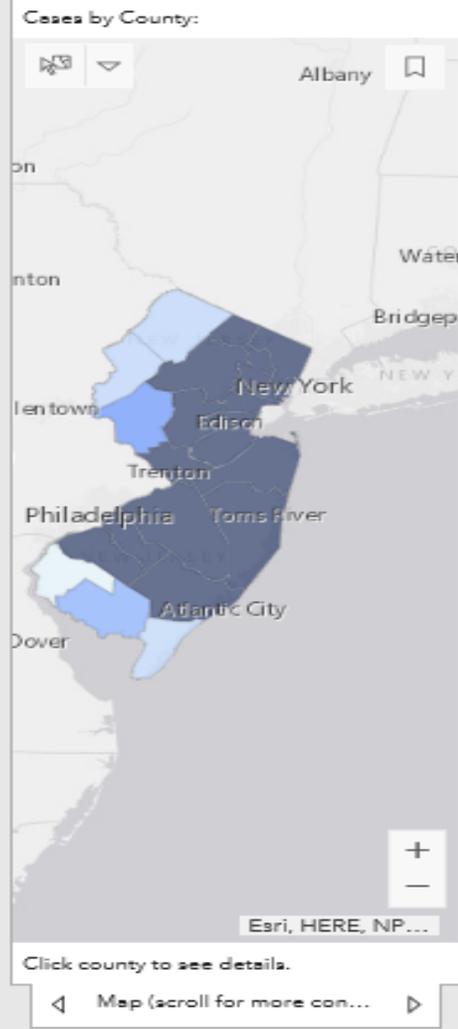
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### COVID-19 Cases by County

Data is provisional and subject to revision.

<b>Camden County</b>	
263 New Positives	597 Confirmed Deaths
15,295 Positive Test Results	53 Probable Deaths
<b>Burlington County</b>	
216 New Positives	487 Confirmed Deaths
10,849 Positive Test Results	41 Probable Deaths
<b>Mercer County</b>	
205 New Positives	612 Confirmed Deaths
11,409 Positive Test Results	36 Probable Deaths
<b>Ocean County</b>	
204 New Positives	1,023 Confirmed Deaths
18,954 Positive Test Results	66 Probable Deaths
<b>Morris County</b>	
155 New Positives	705 Confirmed Deaths
11,428 Positive Test Results	146 Probable Deaths
<b>Gloucester County</b>	
134 New Positives	250 Confirmed Deaths
7,321 Positive Test Results	7 Probable Deaths
<b>Somerset County</b>	

Cases with Unassigned County: **669**  
 Deaths with Unassigned County: **0**

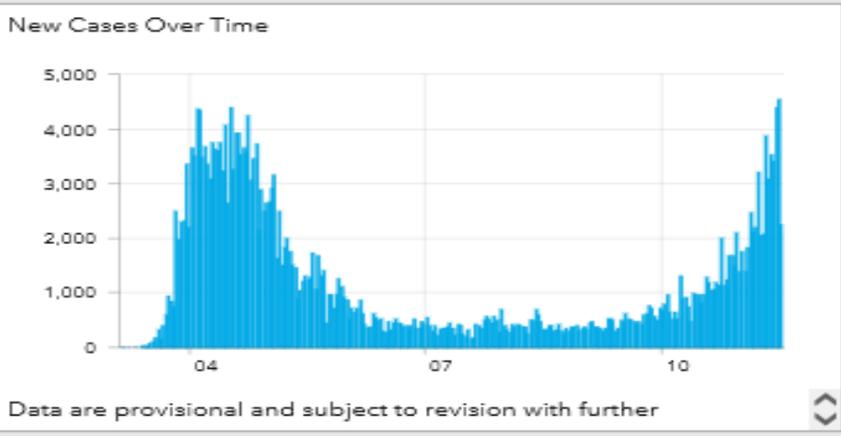


**Total Cases**  
**281,493**

Total Confirmed Deaths: **14,817**  
 Total Probable Deaths: **1,801**

**Total PCR Tests Reported**  
**5,339,070**

Cumulative | Daily



New Cases

4,060

Rate of Transmission (Rt)

1.42

Last update: 6 minutes ago

New Lab-Confirmed Deaths

38

Hospital-reported Deaths (last 24h)

26

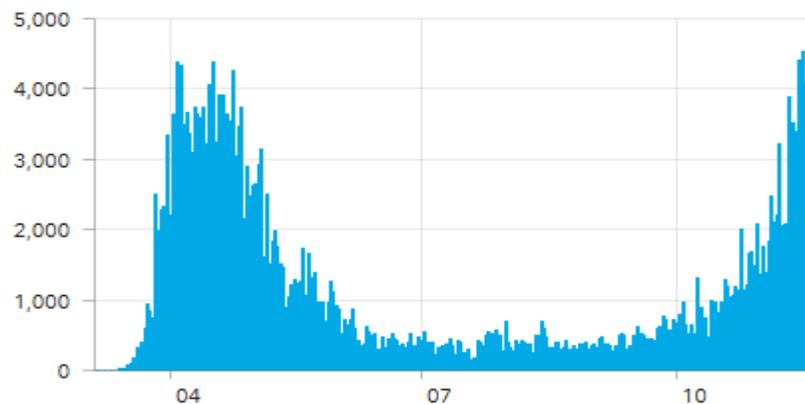
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Note: Data as-reported from NJHA facility survey, deaths are not yet confirmed to be COVID-19 related

Cumulative

Daily

New Cases Over Time



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# COVID 19 – What we know

- Incubation period
  - Median time of 4-5 days from exposure to symptoms
    - Can extend to 14 days
    - Variable presentation
- Presentation
  - Fever / Chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion /runny nose
  - GI Symptoms – N/V/D

# COVID 19 – What we know

- Hospitalized patients – more commonly presented with SOB
- 1,099 hospitalized patients 44% had fever on admission
- Fatigue, headache, and muscle aches most common complaints of non-hospitalized patients.
- GI complaints typically come before fever, cough, or shortness of breath
- 1/3 patients loose taste or smell

# COVID 19 Asymptomatic/Pre-symptomatic

- We don't know the prevalence
  - Not tested
  - Most likely greater than the number of cases reported
- Pre-symptomatic
  - **Can spread the disease**
  - **Virus is found in secretions/body fluids**

# SARS-CoV-2 Transmission According to Stage of Infection

RT Gandhi et al. N Engl J Med 2020;383:1757-1766.

Stage of Infection*	RNA Detectable in Respiratory Samples, Blood, and Feces	Viable Virus Detectable in Respiratory Samples	Transmission Can Occur	Mechanism of Transmission†						Minimum Recommended Level of Precautions
				Droplet	Natural Aerosol	Aerosol-Generating Procedure	Direct Contact	Indirect Contact	Enteric Route	
Presymptomatic or asymptomatic‡	Yes	Yes	Yes§	Yes	Strongly suspected	Strongly suspected	Suspected	Suspected	Unknown	Protection from droplet and contact transmission during routine care Protection from airborne and contact transmission during aerosol-generating procedure
Symptomatic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Strongly suspected	Suspected	Unknown	Protection from droplet and contact transmission during routine care Protection from airborne and contact transmission during aerosol-generating procedure
Post-acute symptomatic	Yes, often prolonged	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Accordance with updated standard precautions, including use of eye protection (goggles or face shield) and medical mask

\* The incubation period of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), from exposure to symptom onset, ranges from 2 to 14 days. The infectious dose is unknown. The presymptomatic stage occurs 1 to 3 days (or possibly longer) before symptom onset. In immunocompetent people with mild-to-moderate Covid-19, the post-acute symptomatic stage occurs 10 days after symptom onset and at least 1 day after the resolution of fever and a decrease in respiratory symptoms.

† In transmission by droplet, large ( $\geq 5 \mu\text{m}$ ) respiratory particles that are released by coughing, sneezing, or speaking land on surfaces or mucosal membranes. In transmission by natural aerosol, small ( $< 5 \mu\text{m}$ ) respiratory particles that are generated by human activities (e.g., singing) are inhaled; this does not necessarily indicate long-distance airborne transmission. In transmission by an aerosol-generating procedure, small respiratory particles that are generated by clinical procedures (e.g., intubation, extubation, use of nebulizers, or bronchoalveolar lavage) are inhaled; this does not necessarily indicate long-distance airborne transmission. In transmission by direct contact, the virus is transferred by body-surface contact. In transmission by indirect contact, the virus is transferred from a contaminated surface to a mucosal surface (e.g., eyes, nose, or mouth). In enteric transmission, the virus is transferred by the fecal-oral route; SARS-CoV-2 RNA has been detected in stool but fecal-oral spread has not been documented.

‡ Testing of patients without symptoms may be performed for close contacts of a person with documented SARS-CoV-2 infection, for preoperative screening, during pregnancy at the time of delivery, when they are unable to provide a medical or exposure history, when they live in a high-risk setting (e.g., congregate settings, including long-term care facilities), or during community surveillance activities.

§ This information is based on case reports or case series.

# Diagnosis, and Management of Covid-19 Stage or Severity

	Asymptomatic or Presymptomatic	Mild Illness	Moderate Illness	Severe Illness	Critical Illness
<b>Features</b>	Positive SARS-CoV-2 test; no symptoms	Mild symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, or change in taste or smell); no dyspnea	Clinical or radiographic evidence of lower respiratory tract disease; oxygen saturation $\geq 94\%$	Oxygen saturation $< 94\%$ ; respiratory rate $\geq 30$ breaths/min; lung infiltrates $> 50\%$	Respiratory failure, shock, and multiorgan dysfunction or failure
<b>Testing</b>	Screening testing; if patient has known exposure, diagnostic testing	Diagnostic testing	Diagnostic testing	Diagnostic testing	Diagnostic testing
<b>Isolation</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Proposed Disease Pathogenesis</b>					
<b>Potential Treatment</b>					
<b>Management Considerations</b>	Monitoring for symptoms	Clinical monitoring and supportive care	Clinical monitoring; if patient is hospitalized and at high risk for deterioration, possibly remdesivir	Hospitalization, oxygen therapy, and specific therapy (remdesivir, dexamethasone)	Critical care and specific therapy (dexamethasone, possibly remdesivir)

# Virtua Medical Group COVID-19 Screening Process

Please refer to service line specific exclusions when applying this algorithm.

## Keep Face to Face Appointment

- Remind patient to wear a mask to appointment.
- Repeat screening questions during check-in.

Is patient *currently* experiencing any of the following symptoms?

- Fever or Chills
- *NEW* Cough
- *NEW* Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- *NEW* loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

NO

YES

### During Appointment Confirmation:

#### Primary Care: Convert to Telemedicine

- Primary Care Clinician to assess need for testing.
- If patient is not willing to participate in telemedicine visit:
  - Cancel patient appointment (code COVID-19)
  - Advise patient to self-quarantine for 14 days and reschedule patient.
  - Reference CDC website for self-quarantine guidelines or call the NJ Department of Health hotline 1-800-222-1222.

#### Non-Primary Care: Convert to Telemedicine

- Refer to Primary Care or COVID-19 On-Demand Center for evaluation and to determine need for COVID-19 testing.
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#### During Check-in:

- **If face to face:** Ensure patient is masked and instruct them to return to their vehicle and await further guidance. If not possible, place patient in designated exam room. Consult with clinician on how to proceed with visit.
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YES

NO

## Keep Face to Face Appointment

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### Convert to Telemedicine

If patient is not willing to engage in telemedicine:

- Cancel patient appointment (code COVID-19)
- Reschedule according to 14 day quarantine criteria.

NO

NO  
(Negative)

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- Diarrhea

YES

NO

Has the patient or any of their household contacts traveled outside the Delaware Valley, to one of the identified hot spots\*?

YES

NO

Known COVID exposure\*\* or tested positive for COVID\*\*\* within 14 days of appointment?

\*\*Contact defined as within 6 feet for > 10 minutes *without proper PPE*. Being in contact with someone who had contact with a case is not a risk factor unless your patient's contact is currently symptomatic.

\*\*\* If patient confirms that they received a positive test result skip to criteria box below.

YES

Has the patient been tested for COVID-19?

YES

Did patient have a positive result or are they still waiting for the result?

YES

Does the patient meet the following criteria?

- **24 hours without fever** (without use of anti-pyretic meds), **AND**
- Respiratory symptoms almost entirely resolved, **AND**
- **At least 10 days from date of confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.**
  - Clinician may determine that patient needs to be seen sooner.

YES

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\* Refer to the most recent list of hot spot locations included in the *Coronavirus Update* at: <https://employee.virtua.org/coronavirus.cfm> or <https://covid19.nj.gov/>

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## Evaluating Symptomatic Outpatients

*All symptomatic patients should be tested and remain in strict isolation until tests return.*

SYMPTOMS	ACTION
<b>MILD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SpO<sub>2</sub> &gt; 95% and mild symptoms in low-risk patient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual visit</li> <li>Complete COVID-19 triage</li> <li>Order COVID-19 PCR</li> </ul>
<b>MODERATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SpO<sub>2</sub> 90–95% or dyspnea limiting ADLs</li> <li>high-risk* patient with SpO<sub>2</sub> 90–97% or any dyspnea</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-person evaluation and testing in isolation-equipped outpatient clinic</li> </ul>
<b>SEVERE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SpO<sub>2</sub> &lt; 90%</li> <li>high-risk* patient with SpO<sub>2</sub> &lt; 95%, severe dyspnea, AMS, orthostasis, chest pain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send to the Emergency Department</li> </ul>

## COVID Hotline

**Table 1. Risk Factors for Severe Covid-19.\***

Older age
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Cardiovascular disease (e.g., heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathy)
Type 2 diabetes mellitus
Obesity (body-mass index, ≥30)
Sickle cell disease
Chronic kidney disease
Immunocompromised state from solid-organ transplantation
Cancer

\* Data are adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).<sup>25</sup> Of note, there has been a disproportionate burden of Covid-19 on racial and ethnic minorities and the poor. Studies indicate that the risk of severe disease increases with age. Male sex is not currently included on the CDC list of risk factors but has been noted in some reports to be associated with severe disease. Additional conditions that may confer an increased risk but for which the data are unclear include asthma (moderate to severe), cerebrovascular diseases, cystic fibrosis, hypertension, other immunocompromised states or use of immunosuppressive therapy, neurologic conditions such as dementia, liver disease, pregnancy, pulmonary fibrosis, smoking, thalassemia, and type 1 diabetes mellitus. The body-mass index is the weight in kilograms divided by the square of the height in meters.

# Treating COVID 19 Outpatients

- Supportive Care
- Counsel on home isolation
- Video visit follow up
  - Low risk – Day 5 of symptoms
  - Moderate Risk 3, 5, and 7 of symptoms
  - **Post hospital**
    - Remote Patient Monitoring
    - Discharge Day 2





Exposures and Quarantining

Emerging Treatment

Dr. Marty Topiel  
Virtua Chief Infection Control Officer

# Illness / Infection

- Separate yourself from other people
- As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people and pets in your home. If possible, you should use a separate bathroom. If you need to be around other people or animals in or outside of the home, wear a mask.

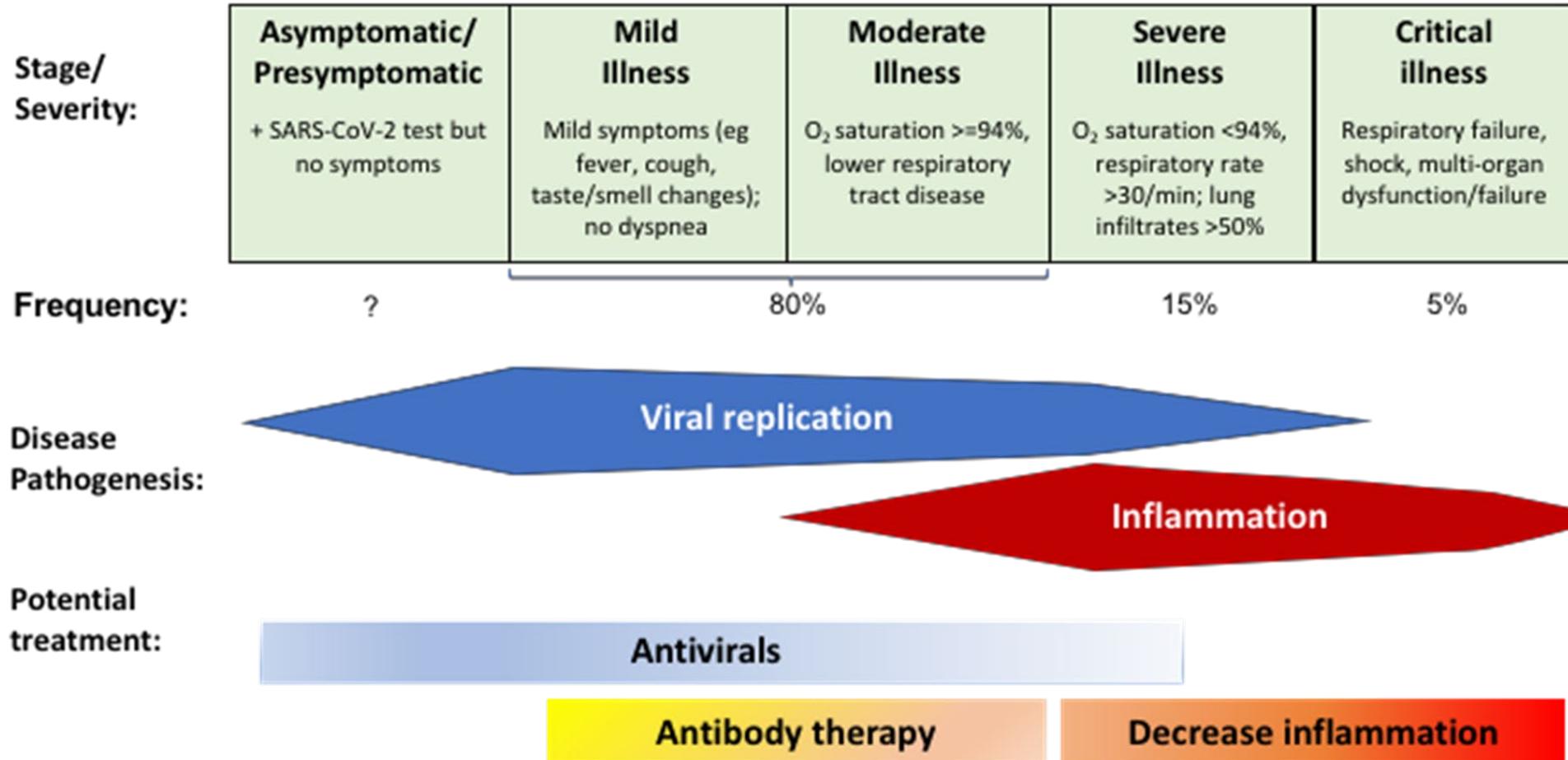
# Community Exposure / Close Contact

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
- You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you

# Self Quarantine / Home

- Stay home and monitor your health
- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19
- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or **other symptoms** of COVID-19
- If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at **higher risk** for getting very sick from COVID-19

# Treatment Across the COVID-19 Spectrum



# LY-CoV555 (Bamlanivimab)

## Boost immune responses

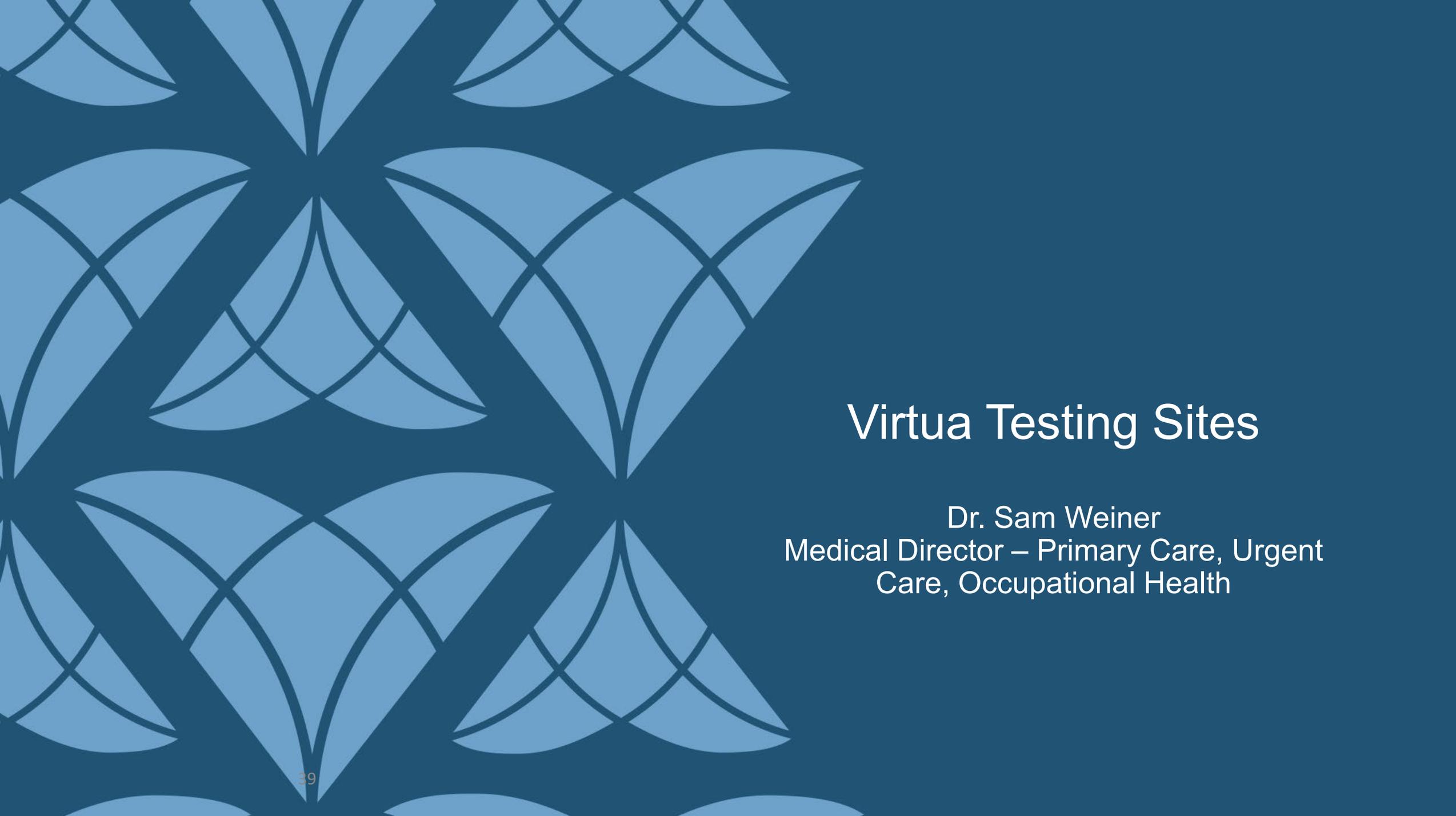
- ED visit or hospitalization:
  - 1.6% in antibody group, 6.3% in placebo group
    - placebo group
    - >65 year old, BMI >35: 4% in antibody group, 15% in placebo group
- Median time to symptom improvement: 6 days for participants who received bamlanivimab and 8 days for those who received placebo.
- Safety profile of bamlanivimab and placebo similar

Hospitalization/ED Visit: All Participants			
Treatment	N	Events	Proportion
Placebo	156	9	6%
700 mg	101	1	1%
2800 mg	107	2	2%
7000 mg	101	2	2%
Pooled antibody	309	5	2%

Hospitalization/ED Visit: Participants at Higher Risk of Hospitalization			
Treatment	N	Events	Proportion
Placebo	69	7	10%
700 mg	46	1	2%
2800 mg	46	1	2%
7000 mg	44	2	5%
Pooled antibody	136	4	3%

# Expanded Use Authorization Criteria: Ambulatory Patients with Mild to Moderate COVID-19 at High Risk for Progression - 1

- Body mass index (BMI)  $\geq 35$
- Chronic kidney disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppressive disease or receiving immunosuppressive treatment
- $\geq 65$  years of age
- $\geq 55$  years of age AND have cardiovascular disease, OR hypertension, OR chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/other chronic respiratory disease
- Criteria also listed for those who are 12 – 17 years of age



# Virtua Testing Sites

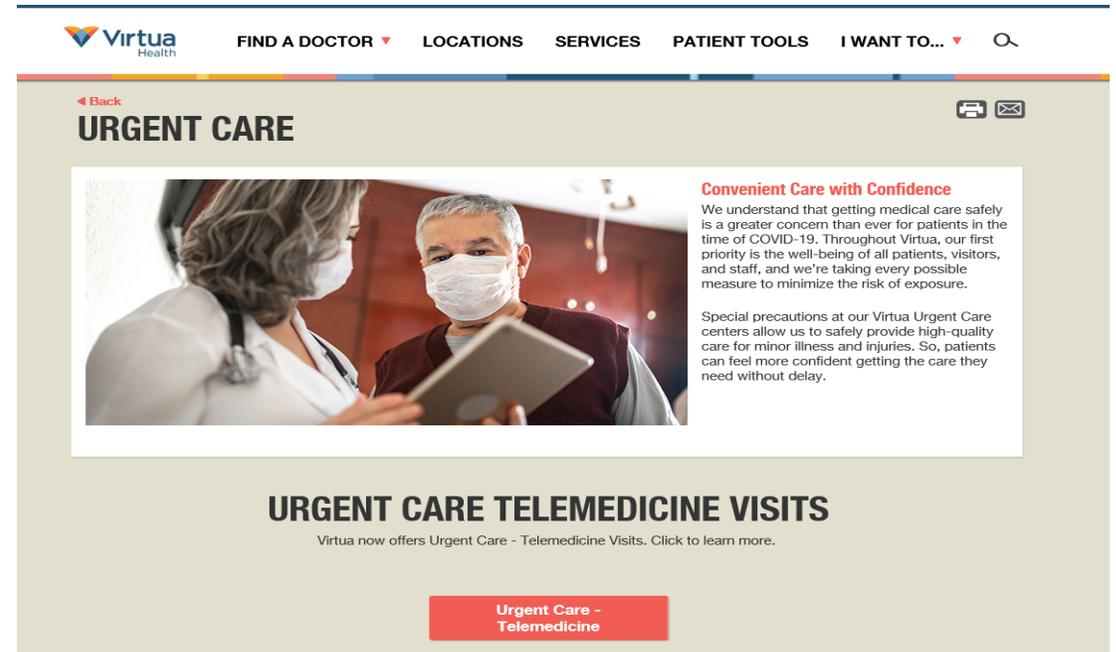
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Medical Director – Primary Care, Urgent  
Care, Occupational Health

# Outpatient Testing

- PCR, 24-72 hr turnaround time
- 2 Testing Centers – PRE-OP, SYMPTOMATIC, and 1<sup>st</sup> Responders
  - **Voorhees**: Barry Brown Health Education Center (HEC)
    - 7 days a week, 8 am to 4 pm
    - Appointment only
    - 12 year old and up for symptomatic testing
  - **Moorestown**: Virtua Health & Wellness
    - Thursday to Monday (closed Tues, Wed), 8 am to Noon
    - Appointment and walk-ups (Burlington Co. residents)
    - 12 year old and up
- VMG Clinician Hotline 856-246-4117

# Virtua Telehealth Urgent Care

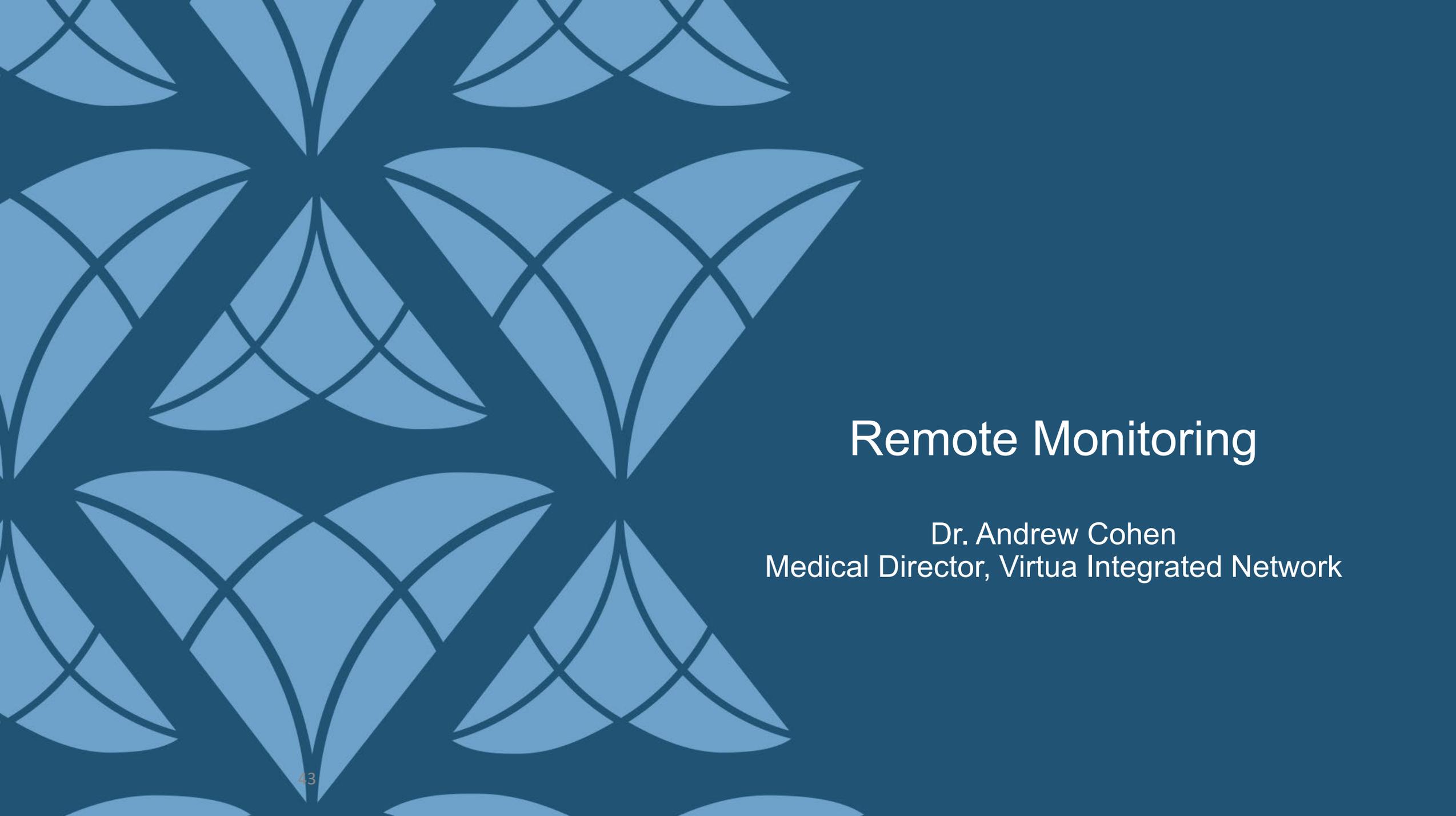
- 7 days a week, 9 am to 9 pm
- Flu like symptoms + much more
- COVID-suspect patients will be referred for testing at HEC or Moorestown testing centers
- [Virtua.org/services/urgent-care](https://Virtua.org/services/urgent-care)



The screenshot shows the Virtua Health website's Urgent Care page. At the top, the Virtua Health logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'FIND A DOCTOR', 'LOCATIONS', 'SERVICES', 'PATIENT TOOLS', and 'I WANT TO...' are on the right. Below the navigation is a 'Back' link and the page title 'URGENT CARE'. A central image shows a healthcare provider and a patient wearing masks and looking at a tablet. To the right of the image is a text block titled 'Convenient Care with Confidence' that discusses safety measures for COVID-19. Below the image and text is a section titled 'URGENT CARE TELEMEDICINE VISITS' with a sub-headline 'Virtua now offers Urgent Care - Telemedicine Visits. Click to learn more.' and a red button labeled 'Urgent Care - Telemedicine'.

# Virtua Urgent Care

- 7 days a week, 9 am to 9 pm
- PCR, 24-72 hour turnaround time
- Walk-ins
- **FULL URGENT CARE VISIT - SYMPTOMATIC TESTING ONLY**
  - Mt. Holly
  - Moorestown
  - Medford
  - Marlton
  - Westmont
  - Washington Township



# Remote Monitoring

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Medical Director, Virtua Integrated Network

# Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM) for COVID-19

- Using Vivify cloud-based technology – PO2, BP, Scale, Tablet
- 28 day long program - recently reduced to 14 days
- Starts immediately post hospital discharge
- Once-twice daily monitoring overseen by a team of Virtua RNs
  - Video Visits plus as needed
  - Any issues needing escalation will be sent to the digital health team or PCP
- Physician Visits
  - Digital health team has 3 scheduled telehealth visits
  - Primary Care involvement for continuity of care (OV within first 1-2 weeks post discharge)
  - Pulmonary involvement within first 3-5 days post discharge

# Timeline COVID RPM

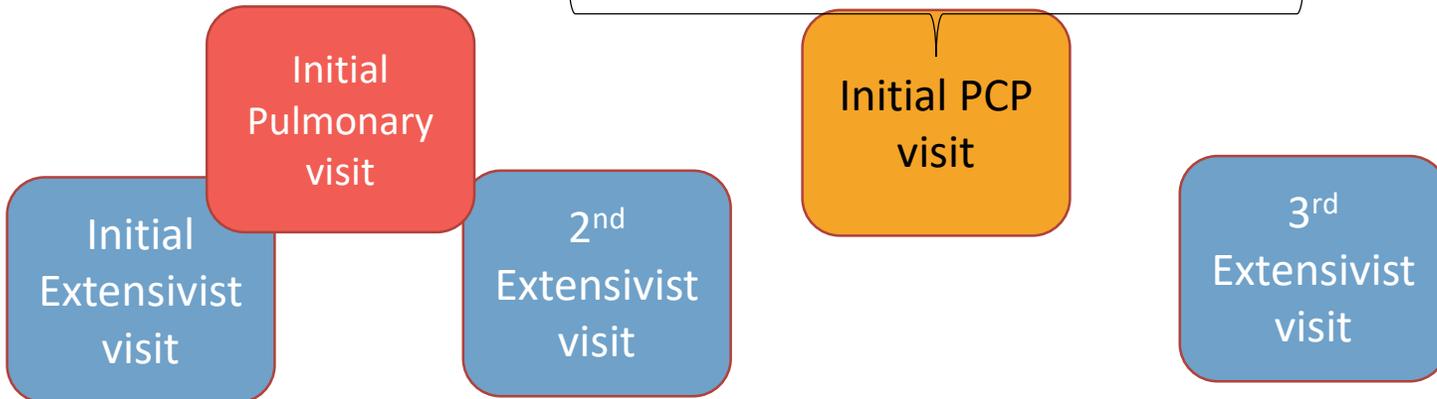
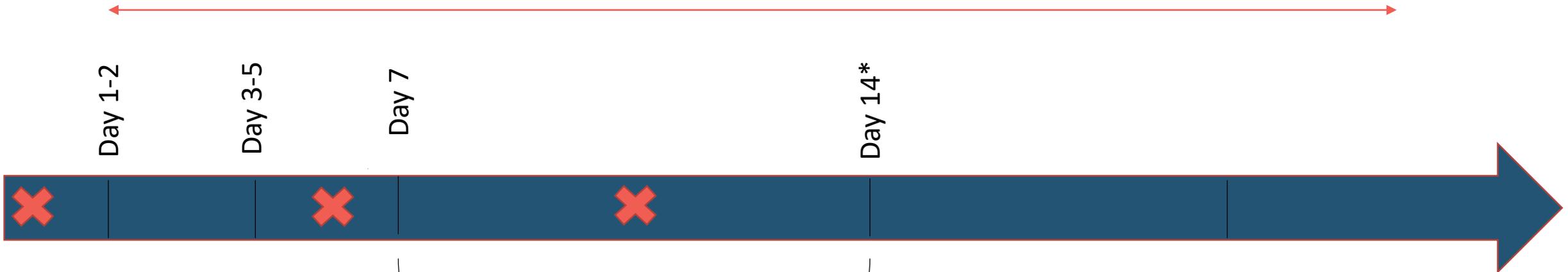


Nursing Video Visits with Patient

Day of hospital d/c

Once daily COVID Pathway, 2x daily ambulatory pulse ox pathway, RN review, clinical escalation if needed

Day 14\*. Patient d/c'd to PCP



\*Patient eligible for discharge from RPM after 14 days if:

- No red alerts for 5 days
- RN Clinical assessment deems patient is appropriate for discharge

If patient remains on RPM beyond 14 days, add another Extensivist visit if needed.

# Results

- 143 COVID Patients enrolled to date
- Inpatient LOS reduction 0.87 days
- 30 day readmission rate reduction 41% compared to baseline
- 97% felt more comfortable knowing a nurse was checking on them
- 92% would recommend program to others. 8% felt neutral. 0% would not recommend
- Oldest patient on technology – 95

# What About the ED?

- System looking into resuming ED discharge program with Pulse Oximetry guidelines and clinician follow up
- More to come...



# Patient Support

Dr. Jen Khelil  
Virtua Chief Medical Officer

# Patient Support

## Virtual COVID-19 Emotional Support Group

Register today!

Staffed by CIN Social Workers

Virtua has started a free support group for South Jersey residents who have recovered from or are currently experiencing COVID-19. The group will provide a safe space for individuals to speak openly and share their experiences with others.

If you or a loved one is facing ongoing physical and emotional challenges caused by COVID-19 and would be interested in group support, please register.

**Thursday | Oct. 29**  
**Mondays | Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 30,**  
**Dec. 14, Dec. 28**  
**Time: 7 - 8 p.m.**

A Zoom link will be sent upon registration.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL:  
[ACSupport@virtua.org](mailto:ACSupport@virtua.org)  
Space is limited.



# Clinician Support

## Caring for **YOU** – so you can continue to care for others

During these unprecedented times, experiencing feelings of fear, anxiety and increased stress are completely natural – especially in health care. Virtua Health is committed to supporting the well-being of all our colleagues and have several options to help.



### NEED HELP NOW?



#### CALL THE BE WELL COLLEAGUE SUPPORT LINE

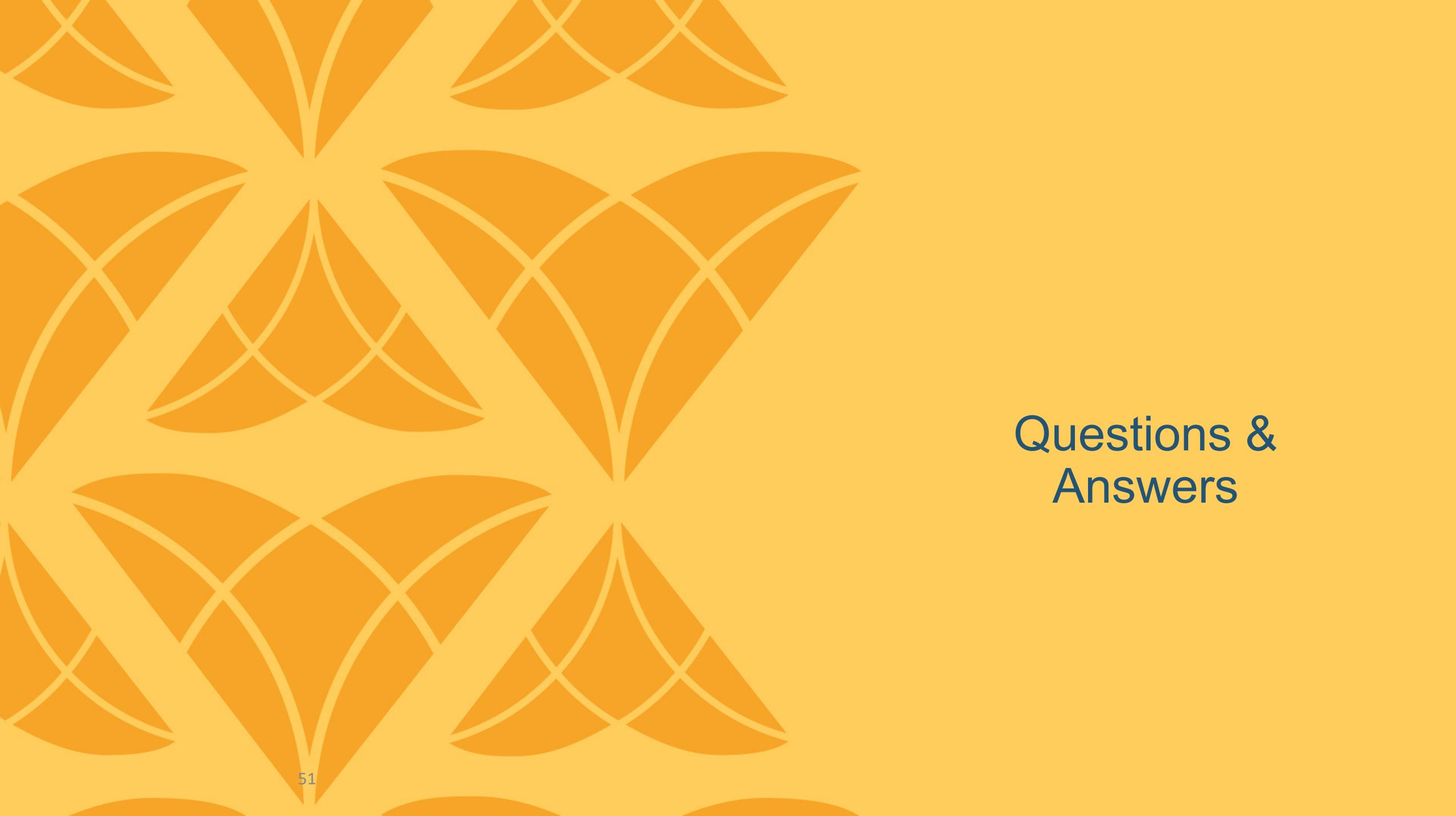
**856-872-3137**

The *Be Well Colleague Support Line* provides free, comprehensive, confidential support, 7 days a week and is staffed by licensed professionals who understand the unique needs of health care employees.

- 7 Days/ Week, 6:00am – 8:00pm
- Call back within 12 hours outside of regularly scheduled hours
- Completely confidential and free



### SUPPORT WHEN YOU WANT IT



# Questions & Answers