



Coronavirus Clinical Practice Recommendations for Virtua Health Affiliated Practices

Updated through 3/11/2020 at 18:00



Agenda

- Introductions.....Dr. Reg Blaber
- Summary of Virtua's preparations to date.....P. Sarnese
- Clinical Updates.....Dr. M. Topiel
- Recommended actions for your practice.....Dr. T. Kapoor &
Dr. A. Cohen
- Q & A.....Panel

Tonight's Panelists



Dr. Reg Blaber
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Officer, Virtua Health



Dr. Marty Topiel
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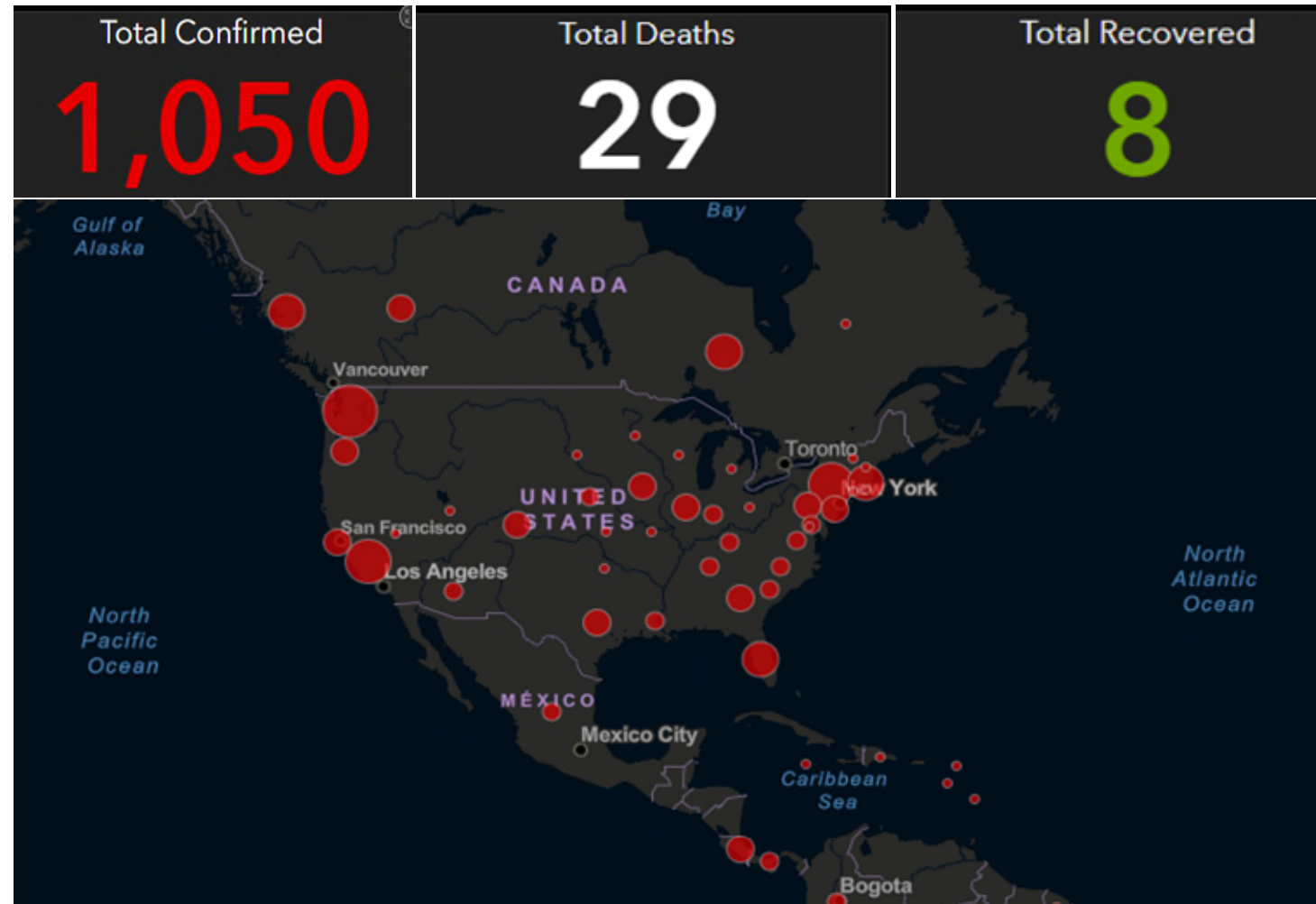
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Medical Director, VPP



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AVP Safety and Security

What We Know as of 3/11/2020

- 121,564 cases worldwide
 - 4,373 deaths
- 1,050 cases in US
 - 15 case confirmed in NJ
 - 1 death
 - 14 active
- WHO has officially deemed COVID-19 a pandemic



Activities to Date through 3/11/2020

- Virtua Emergency Operations Coronavirus team has had daily calls since February 10, 2020 to discuss:
 - Updates from CDC, local Departments of Health and number of cases, deaths, recoveries, and cases in US
 - Monitor and protect current inventory of personal protective equipment (PPE) -gloves, gowns, and respirators
 - Operational or clinical issues
 - Surge plans and items that may be needed to support the potential surge areas reviewed
 - Communication protocols being updated daily

Activities to Date through 3/11/2020

- Created and distributed signage for all Virtua ED's concerning travel, history, and respiratory etiquette
- Provided education and PPE to all Virtua Urgent Care locations
- Providing education to Virtua ED's and designated staff on proper donning and doffing of PPE
- Reviewed current hospital surge plans that were developed for SARS, H1N1, and Ebola
- Collaborated with the federal quarantine site to establish clear lines of communication in the event non NJ residents are quarantined and need emergency treatment and care

Activities to Date through 3/11/2020

- Virtua has implemented policy to suspend all non-essential business travel for all Virtua employees through the end of March
 - Any Virtua employee who elects to travel outside of the US or to any other area identified as high risk by Virtua may be subject to a 14-day period of self monitoring before returning to work

Any Virtua Medical Staff Member (employed or independent) who has traveled domestically/internationally since March 5th is required to contact 609-444-2828 before entering a Virtua facility

Any Virtua Medical Staff Member who is experiencing any flu-like symptoms, including cough, fever, or shortness of breath also must contact 609-444-2828 before entering a Virtua facility

Coronavirus/COVID-19

As of March 11, 2020

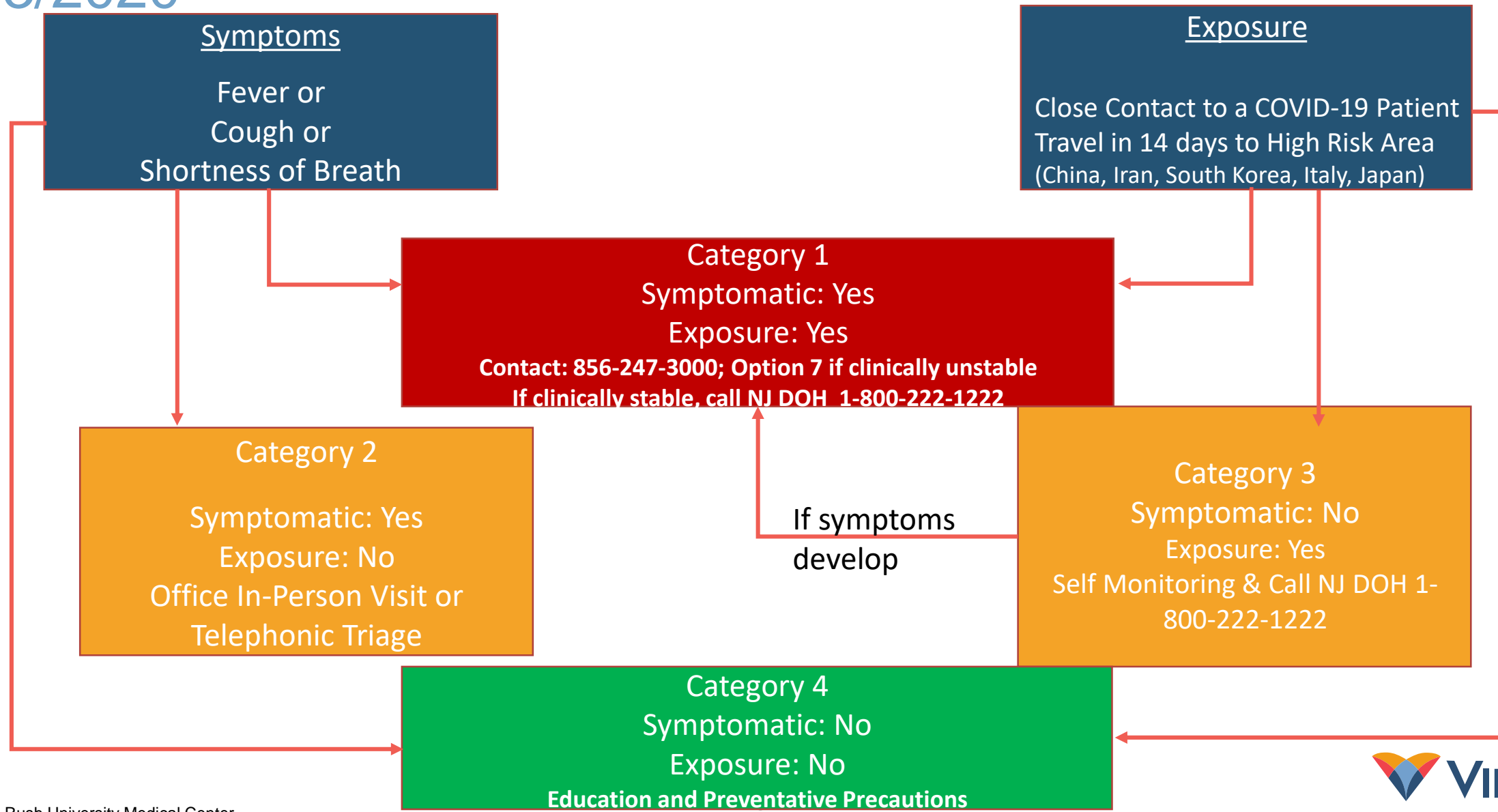
- Key Triad of Symptoms
 - Cough
 - Fever
 - Shortness of breath (SOB)
- General symptomatic presentation does not significantly differ from flu
- NJ Testing Capabilities remain very limited

Current Personal Protective Equipment Recommendations for Offices

- Vigilant hand hygiene
- Based on local and regional situational analysis of PPE supplies, **facemasks are an acceptable alternative when the supply chain of N-95 respirators cannot meet the demand.** We will continue to use face shields for protection against sprays, splashes, and secretions
- Standard disinfection of surfaces
 - Use of 70% alcohol-based or diluted bleach products
 - EPA-registered household disinfectants

Virtua COVID-19 Screening Algorithm – 3/11/2020 through 3/13/2020


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Next Steps

- Communicate with your staff daily
- Look for regular updates from Virtua
- Tonight's webinar will be posted to digital411.virtua.org

Next Scheduled Webinar

Monday, March 16 at 6 p.m.

Webinar invite by email and will be posted on
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