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Virtua's 40-foot Cancer-Screening Van Will Make Multiple Stops during Breast Cancer Awareness Month & Beyond

Mobile Mammography Offers Convenience to South Jersey Residents, Free Screenings for the Uninsured

It can be hard for women to get their annual mammogram. Whether they can't take time away from work or family, lack transportation, or they're uninsured and can't afford the cost – many women go without this important test.

Virtua Health recently launched a specially designed, 40-foot truck to overcome these barriers to care. And this month – Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Virtua's <u>Mobile Health</u> and <u>Cancer Screening Unit</u> will make multiple stops across South Jersey, so women can get their mammogram and other vital cancer screenings, all in one convenient visit. The program accepts most major insurance plans, and provides free services to people without insurance.

Importantly, patients don't need to bring a mammogram prescription. Virtua will provide the prescription during the patient's mammogram appointment – **saving them an extra trip to the doctor**.

"We offer a great experience for patients on this new vehicle," said Michelle Fisher, the unit's advanced practice nurse. "It feels like you're in a regular medical office, including the same state-of-the-art equipment and our caring Virtua staff. I'd encourage anyone who's due for their annual mammogram to give us a call. Early detection saves lives!"

The Mobile Health and Cancer Screening Unit provides:

- <u>3D mammography</u>
- Clinical breast exams
- <u>Gynecologic exams</u>
- Pap tests to detect cervical cancer
- Colorectal screening options via a take-home stool kit or colonoscopy referrals
- PSA tests (for men), a blood screening for prostate cancer (Note: available only to those who are uninsured)

Please see the vehicle's schedule below for **October and November**, including separate stops for people without health insurance and for those with insurance. Appointments are required and can be scheduled using the phone numbers shown below. For more information, please visit <u>Virtua.org/MobileScreening</u>.

> Free screenings for those *without* health insurance

Virtua's mobile unit provides free mammograms and other cancer screenings for uninsured N.J. residents through the <u>NJ CEED</u> program:

Oct. 12: Christian Caring Center, 378 Lakehurst Rd., Browns Mills, NJ 08015

Oct. 17: Bud Duble Senior Center (Winslow Township Senior Center), 33 Cooper Folly Rd., Atco, NJ 08004

Oct. 23: Tabernacle Baptist Church, 150 E. Second St., Burlington, NJ 08016

Nov. 2: Southern Jersey Family Medical Center, 651 High Street, Burlington, NJ 08016

Nov. 15: Women's Opportunity Center, 8008 Route 130 North, Building A, Suite 216, Delran, NJ 08075

Nov. 20: Pemberton Library, 16 Broadway, Browns Mills, NJ 08015

Eligibility requirements:

- Age: females ages 21-64 and males ages 45-64 (men with breast/chest concerns require different testing not available on the vehicle, and should contact their doctor)
- Income less than 250% of Federal Poverty Level
- Live in New Jersey
- Currently uninsured

Appointment required: call 856-247-7388

> Screenings for people with health insurance

Mammograms and other cancer screenings for women with health insurance:

Oct. 19: Southern Jersey Family Medical Center, 651 High St., Burlington City, NJ 08016

Oct. 24: Christ Baptist Church, 950 Jacksonville Rd., Burlington, NJ 08016

Nov. 1: Virtua Primary Care – Burlington, 811 Sunset Rd., Burlington, NJ 08016

Nov. 8: CAMcare, 817 Federal St., Camden, NJ 08103

Nov. 16: Southern Jersey Family Medical Center, 651 High St., Burlington City, NJ 08016

Eligibility requirements:

- Females only (men with breast/chest concerns require different testing not available on the vehicle, and should contact their doctor)
- Age: mammograms for ages 40 and over unless a history of breast cancer. Pap tests (cervical cancer screenings) for ages 21 and over
- Most major insurance plans accepted

Appointment required: call 856-246-4276

About Virtua Health:

Virtua Health is an academic health system committed to helping the people of South Jersey be well, get well, and stay well by providing the complete spectrum of advanced, accessible, and trusted health care services. Virtua's 14,000 colleagues provide tertiary care, including renowned cardiology and transplant programs, complemented by a community-based care portfolio. In addition to five hospitals, two satellite emergency departments, 40 ambulatory surgery centers, and more than 350 other locations, Virtua brings health services directly into communities through Hospital at Home, physical therapy and rehabilitation, mobile screenings, and its paramedic program.

Virtua has 2,850 affiliated doctors and other clinicians, and its specialties include orthopedics, advanced surgery, and maternity. Virtua is academically affiliated with Rowan University, leading research, innovation, and immersive education at the Virtua Health College of Medicine & Life Sciences of Rowan University. Virtua is also affiliated with Penn Medicine for cancer and neuroscience, and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for pediatrics.

As a not-for-profit, Virtua is committed to the well-being of the community and provides innovative outreach programs that address social challenges affecting health, most notably the "Eat Well" food access initiative, which includes the unparalleled Eat Well Mobile Grocery Store. A Magnet-recognized health system ranked by U.S. News and World Report, Virtua has received many <u>awards</u> for quality, safety, and its outstanding work environment. For more information, visit <u>Virtua.org</u>. To help Virtua make a difference, visit <u>GiveToVirtua.org</u>.