



Part of the Virginia Department
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IMPACT areas of focus: Infection Control Learning Series and Telehealth Optimization in Congregate Care

Why Telehealth?

Throughout the pandemic, congregate care settings experienced significant rates of infection and mortality because of limited access to essential clinical resources.

One important means of bolstering infectious disease preparedness infrastructure is the optimization of telehealth technologies. These proven capabilities allow for improved communication, better infection control, ease of access to clinical consults, reduced transport of clients, and advanced support and safety for front line staff in providing care.

The Virginia IMPACT team proposes a process consisting of assessment, brief on-site consultations, and ongoing supported learning to help congregate facilities establish and optimize telehealth use for vulnerable and isolated populations. **All consultations, reports, and follow up services are free and fully covered by this grant funded project.**

Whether interested or not, please consider completing this short **Telehealth Use, Benefits, & Barriers Survey**. We want to learn more about telehealth use across the Commonwealth.

Virtual Learning Series Upcoming Topics (register [here](#)):

January 17, 2024: Long COVID with Kyle Enfield, MD

February 14, 2024: Telehealth and Infection Control with the Virginia IMPACT Team

March 20, 2024: Long COVID with Talia Pollok, DPT

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