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BY BRIAN NESTER, DO, MBA, FACOEP · NOVEMBER 15, 2019

Special Announcement



This message is from Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, Lehigh Valley Health Network President and Chief Executive Officer.

At Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), we're committed to keeping you informed. I want to give you an update about LVHN's intent to acquire the assets of Coordinated Health.

After conducting an antitrust review under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has cleared both parties to move the transaction forward.

The review process continues with the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. In the meantime, we continue to complete due diligence. LVHN and Coordinated Health will operate as separate entities until the transaction has closed. We will keep you informed throughout the process.

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Reminder: Get Your Flu Shot by Nov. 21

BY [KIRSTIN REED](#) · NOVEMBER 11, 2019

While it still feels like summer outside, fall is right around the corner. We all know that means cold and flu season is coming.

When you get vaccinated early in the fall, you decrease your chances of getting the flu and transmitting it to our patients and visitors. [Health care workers have a special obligation to be vaccinated, because people who remain unvaccinated and spread the flu can cause serious harm to vulnerable patients.](#) That's why LVHN has an Influenza Immunization Policy, which you can access through the Colleague Resource Center (CRC) by clicking on the Employment Policies Icon, then clicking on Influenza Vaccination Policy.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend [everyone](#)

[six months of age and older get a flu vaccine every season.](#) Vaccination to prevent influenza is particularly important for people who are at high risk of serious complications from influenza, including adults 65 and older, pregnant women, young children and people with chronic health problems.

LVHN makes getting vaccinated easy. Colleague flu shot clinics will begin Tuesday, Oct. 1, and continue throughout flu season. Click below to get the schedule for your location. Print the schedule, post it in your area, get vaccinated and remind others to do the same.

- [Lehigh Valley schedule](#)
- [Hazleton schedule](#)
- [Schuylkill schedule](#)
- [Pocono schedule](#)

What you need to know

- All hospital employee health offices will begin administering the vaccine on Oct. 1. The deadline for



vaccination is Nov. 21.

- Prior to attending a flu shot clinic, complete the electronic consent form, which is part of your first-quarter education bundle.
- You can also access the [electronic consent form](#) and additional information about influenza vaccination on [the intranet home page](#) by clicking “Influenza Information” under “Colleague Resources.”
- You can [view Frequently Asked Questions and post a question of your own](#).

Four types of vaccines provided this year

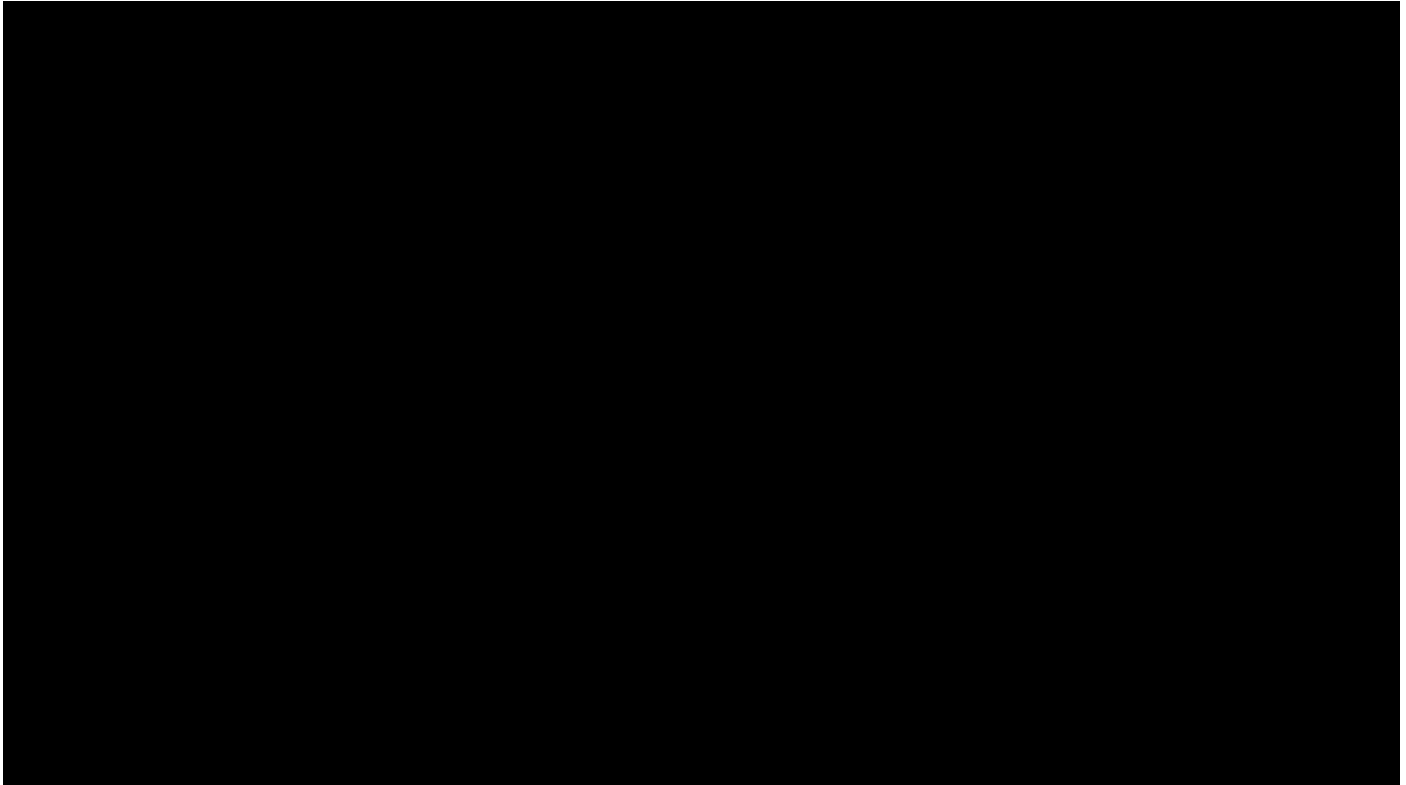
- Standard Quadravalent is designed to protect against four different flu viruses: two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses.
- FluMist is a nasal spray approved for use in non-pregnant individuals, two years through 49 years of age.
- Fluvad High-Dose is recommended for those 65 years and older (administered at flu shot clinics and employee health locations).
- Flubok (Egg-Free) is only approved for use in people 18 years and older with a severe egg allergy (administered at employee health locations only).

Superheroes Drop In at Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital-VIDEO

BY [KIRSTIN REED](#) · NOVEMBER 14, 2019

Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital had some super guests drop in today. Spider-Man, Thor, Batman, Wolverine, Iron Man and Captain America repelled from the rooftop to surprise kids on the pediatric inpatient unit.

These superhero window washers brought joy to children, adults and passersby alike.



- [See our story on Instagram](#) and share using #LVHNProud.
- Check out the [helicopter footage from CBS Philly on Facebook](#).

Veterans Day Celebration – PHOTOS

BY [KIRSTIN REED](#) · NOVEMBER 13, 2019

During LVHN's Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11, LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP, a veteran of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, honored colleagues and community members who served our country. Following the ceremony, veterans had the opportunity to share stories and enjoy refreshments. Here are photos from the event.

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Maur Levan, Army, WWII

Record Turnout as Veterans Celebrate at LVH–Schuylkill

BY [MIKE PECKMAN](#) · NOVEMBER 11, 2019

For a dozen years, Tony Petrozino, Dietary Supervisor and former Navy cook, prepared LVH–Schuylkill’s annual Veterans Day breakfast. This year, Petrozino experienced the event tableside having retired earlier this year after 30 years of service with the hospital. “It tastes almost as good as previous years,” a joking and beaming Petrozino exclaimed.

The Saint Clair native joined his golfing buddy Jim Williams for LVH–Schuylkill’s annual tribute to veterans. Petrozino had the chance to visit with his former colleagues and other attendees he got to know quite well during his time at LVH–Schuylkill. “It was fabulous. Everything was so good. I’m glad to see Bob and his team do such a great job,” says Petrozino, referring to Food and Nutrition Services Operations Manager Bob Seitzinger.

Petrozino was among the record 253 vets who attended this year. Among the attendees were four World War II veterans. Each veteran was personally greeted by Larry Riddles, MD, Regional Chief Medical Officer (Col. Ret., U.S. Air Force), and LVH–Schuylkill President Bill Reppy, a Navy veteran. A special lapel pin reading “Your Service, Our Thanks” was presented to each veteran attending.

The event is staffed by LVH–Schuylkill colleagues, many of whom bring their children to help. A slide show accompanied by patriotic music plays each year and features photos from all previous 18 breakfasts.

We thank our veterans and those currently serving for their service. We also thank colleagues for making Veterans Day extra special.

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Schuylkill County Native Returns Home to Practice Medicine

BY [MIKE PECKMAN](#) · NOVEMBER 12, 2019



Schuylkill County native [Kelly Marie Kalovcak, MD](#), has returned home to practice medicine at Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) Internal Medicine—Claude A. Lord Boulevard.

Kalovcak earned her medical degree from the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in Hershey, and completed her internship and Internal Medicine residency at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine with the American Board of Internal Medicine.

A stand-out local athlete, Kalovcak prides herself in teamwork and being a good listener as key elements as she works with her patients.

Active in her community, Kalovcak has served for more than 15 years with South Cass Citizens' Fire Company (Primrose) and almost that many with Minersville Good Will Fire & EMS. She is also a lector at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Minersville.

In service to her country, Kalovcak is a Captain in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, with her home

unit at the Medical Detachment at Fort Indiantown Gap in Annville, PA. “My dream growing up has always been to serve both my country and community. This opportunity allows me to do just that,” says Kalovcak.

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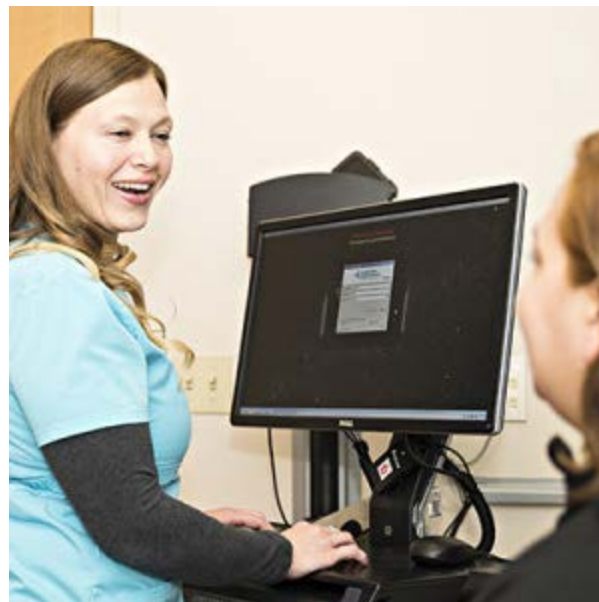
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Physician Billing and Patient Services Representative User Group Meeting Scheduled for Nov. 20

BY [MARCIANN ALBERT](#) · NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Calling all patient services representatives (PSRs), cross-trained medical assistants, office coordinators and revenue cycle support staff. Don't miss the opportunity to attend this month's Physician Billing (PB) and Patient Services Representative (PSR) User Group Meeting.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 8-10 a.m. See the locations below. Agenda topics include:



- PSR MVP Award
- PSR Tip of the Month
- Patient Self Scheduling
- Guarantor Account Maintenance Collection Workflows
- Medicare ID Numbers
- eCare Next
- POS Collection Monthly Update
- And much more

The meeting will be held live in the LVH–Cedar Crest and simulcast to locations across the health network.

LVH–Cedar Crest, auditorium (live location)

LVH–Hazleton, Annex Board Room

LVH–Pocono, Serenity conference room

LVH–Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street, conference room C, second floor

Health Center at Palmer Township, Conference room B

LVH–Muhlenberg, Family Health Pavilion, conference rooms F and G

To register, click below for:

Self-registration directions

- [Directions for managers to register one or more colleagues](#)

Please note that all sites will register as 'attending the Cedar Crest Auditorium location'. This meeting will also be recorded. Questions regarding the PB and PSR User Groups can be directed to Lynne_A.Reph@lvhn.org.

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