

Virginia primary care and the COVID-19 pandemic

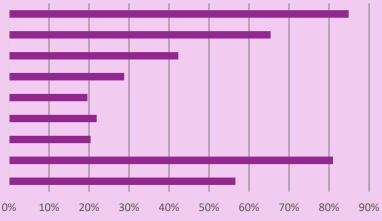


Through the COVID-19 pandemic, primary care has been and continues to be a trusted source of information about prevention, safety, and vaccination. Primary care practices remain overextended and burned out.

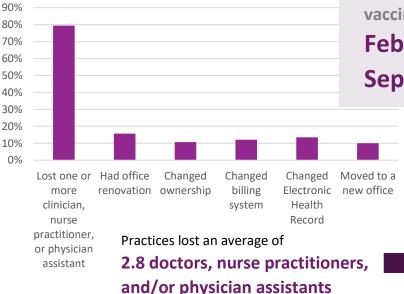
To better understand primary care in Virginia, including pandemic response, we used data from the All-Payer Claims Database and National Plan and Provider Enumeration System to identify every primary care clinician and practice in the Commonwealth. We then surveyed all practices in 2018 and again in 2022, with a 30% and 23% response rate, respectively.

Practices provided a variety of services

Messaging and education about social distancing and mask wearing Viral testing to diagnose acute infections in the office Antibody testing to diagnose acute or past infections in the office Hospital management for acutely ill patients Antibody treatment for higher risk patients with acute infections Home monitoring for patients with acute infections Managing LongCOVID Patient education on efficacy and safety of vaccine Giving COVID-19 vaccinations to patients



Practices underwent major changes



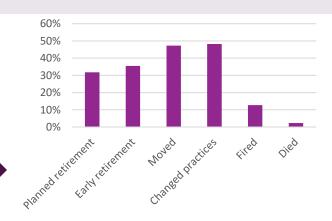
Practices gave vaccines

Date of first COVID-19 vaccination ranged from February 4, 2020 – September 1, 2022

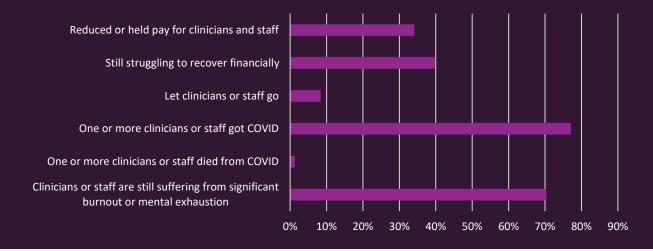
Average of

4,913 vaccines

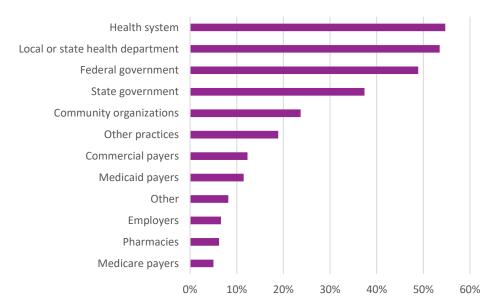
given per practice



Practices were greatly impacted



Practices got help from a variety of places

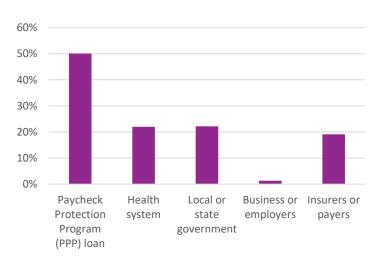


79% of practices

worked with their local health department, state health department, or other public health agency in some capacity during the pandemic

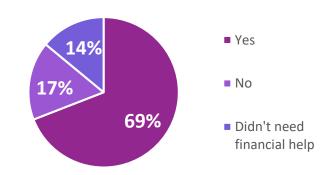
9.3% of practices

didn't get help – PPE, testing, care coordination, information, financial assistance – from any groups



Practices received financial support

Did practices get the financial help they needed?



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