Welcome to New Vitality, your source for health and wellness programs designed specifically for adults 65+, offered through Atlantic Health System.

For more information about New Vitality, call 1-844-472-8499 or visit atlantichealth.org/newvitality.
For many years, Atlantic Health System has been engaging with our local communities to provide health, wellness, and educational programs for older adults under our New Vitality program. In these unprecedented times, we believe our role and mission to build healthier communities and provide the best care to our patients and communities is more important than ever, and that we must expand how we provide support, education and programs to all in our community.

To meet this growing need and commitment, we are very excited to announce that New Vitality will be joining the AHS Population Health department, a team of nurses, licensed clinicians, social workers, health educators, and community health workers dedicated to improving lives and empowering communities through hope, health and healing. As a result, we will offer expanded programming that covers a broader set of health needs and populations. We will continue to offer specialized health and wellness programs and events across the lifespan, including adults 65 and older.

After this final issue of the New Vitality magazine, all program offerings will be available on our website, atlantichealth.org, and announced in our weekly e-mail. To learn more or sign up for our weekly e-mail, call our hotline at 1-844-472-8499. To register for events, visit atlantichealth.org/NVclasses or call our registration hotline at 1-800-247-9580.

Thank you for trusting Atlantic Health System to support your health journey. We look forward to furthering our mission of building healthy communities and hope you will continue to join us in our vision of improving lives and empowering communities.
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### EXERCISE

**BARRE METHOD**
Not ballet. A flowing mix of core techniques and floor work for total-body strength, length, balance, flexibility and posture. Will need a mat and 2- to 3-pound weights. Instructor: Denise Swan.
**Tuesdays, October 20 to December 15 (no class November 24), 5:30 to 6:15pm**
$40 for all eight weeks

**MUSCLES IN MOTION**
Increase your core strength and overall muscle tone. Bring a mat and handheld weights. Resistance equipment provided. Will need a mat and handheld weights. Instructor: Mary Ann Taragano.
**Mondays, October 26 to December 21 (no class November 23), 4:30 to 5:30pm**
$40 for all eight weeks

**ZUMBA FITNESS**
Combining low- and high-intensity moves, this is a total-body workout that combines all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, flexibility… and FUN. Instructor: Lauren Larssen.
**Thursdays, October 22 to January 7 (no class November 26; December 10, 24 and 31), 5:45 to 6:45pm**
$40 for all eight weeks

**BETTER BONES – BEGINNER**
Work your muscles to increase core strength, overall muscle tone and improve balance. Will need a mat and handheld weights. Instructor: Edie Manzo-Calvitti.
**Thursdays, October 15 to December 17 (no class November 26 and December 10), 11:30am to 12:30pm**
$40 for all eight weeks

**THE POWER HOUR**
Promotes muscular endurance, balance and bone strengthening. Will need a set of handheld weights and a mat. Instructor: Mary Ann Taragano.
**Wednesdays, October 21 to December 16 (no class November 25), 5:00 to 6:00pm**
$40 for all eight weeks

**ZUMBA GOLD**
Dance into shape to international rhythms. Body, mind and soul workout. Instructor: Mindy Gansley.
**Fridays, October 23 to December 18 (no class November 27), 10:00 to 10:45am**
$40 for all eight weeks

**BETTER BONES – INTERMEDIATE**
For individuals who have already completed at least two sessions of Better Bones – Beginner. Will need 1-, 2- or 3-pound handheld weights. Instructor: Edie Manzo-Calvitti.
**Tuesdays, October 20 to December 15 (no class November 24); AND/OR Thursdays, October 15 to December 17 (no class November 26 and December 10), 10:15 to 11:15am**
$40 for each eight-week class

**ZUMBA GOLD TONING**
An easy-to-follow dance fitness program for active older adults who want to focus on muscle conditioning and light weight activity. Instructor: Mindy Gansley.
**Mondays, October 19 to December 14 (no class November 23), 11:00 to 11:45am**
$40 for all eight weeks

**LITE & FIT**
Light strength training, some chair exercises, no floor work. Will need a light set of handheld weights. Instructor: Mary Ann Taragano.
**Tuesdays, October 20 to December 15 (no class November 24); AND/OR Thursdays, October 22 to January 7 (no class November 26; December 10, 24 and 31), 2:00 to 3:00pm**
$40 for each eight-week class

**WELLNESS AND PERFORMANCE EXERCISE PROGRAM**
An exercise physiologist will develop a customized exercise program for you. Call 908-522-2215 for an appointment.
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INTEGRATED WELLNESS

AQUACISE MINUS H2O
Incorporates virtual water fitness movements and range of motion exercises without water in a fun and interactive way, seated or standing. Will need supportive shoes and a mat and/or a non-skid surface. Water bottle weights, towel and a noodle recommended but not required. Instructor: Dawn Hanna-Amodio.
Fridays, October 23 to December 18 (no class Nov. 27), 1:30 to 2:15pm
$40 for all eight weeks

HATHA YOGA
Integration of body, mind and breath. Use a yoga mat. Yoga block not required but recommended. Instructor: Leigh Irwin.
Tuesdays, October 20 to December 8, 6:30 to 7:30pm
$40 for all eight weeks

INTERMEDIATE YOGA
This yoga class is for those who are comfortable with mat and standing poses. Will need a mat. Instructor: Jillian Keller.
Wednesdays, October 21 to December 9, 12:30 to 1:30pm
$40 for all eight weeks

HIT LAUGHTER FOR YOUR HEALTH
Join our laughter session and learn life-long health benefits of HA HA, Ho Ho and HEE HEE through gentle warm-up stretching, clapping, breathing techniques and body movement. This joyful class will provide social connection and stimulate wellness, reduce stress and increase focus. Can be done seated or standing ... comfortable clothes, sneakers, mat and water suggested. Instructor: Dawn Hanna-Amodio.
Fridays, October 23 to December 18 (no class Nov. 27), 11:30am to 12:30pm
$40 for all eight weeks

QIGONG
Focus on health, wellness, increased energy and stress management while also improving mobility, flexibility, balance and coordination. Instructor: Steve Guttman.
Tuesdays, October 20 to December 8, 11:00am to Noon
$40 for all eight weeks

T’AI CHI
Gentle on the joints while improving overall fitness with a focus on mobility and balance. Instructor: Stan Cohen.
Wednesdays, October 21 to December 16 (no class November 25), 11:00am to Noon
$40 for all eight weeks

TAI CHI CHIH – INTERMEDIATE
A series of simple, non-martial movements, and will introduce Seijako (advanced T’ai Chi Chih). Participants must have knowledge of the movements prior to taking this intermediate class. Instructor: Stephan Koblick.
Thursdays, October 15 to December 17 (no class November 26 and December 10), 11:00am to Noon
$40 for all eight weeks

YOGA – BEGINNER
Use a small blanket and a mat for the floor. Instructor: Maiga Palkaunieks.
Tuesdays, October 20 to December 22, 11:30am to 12:30pm
$50 for all 10 weeks

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YOGA – INTERMEDIATE
Use three yoga blankets and a mat. Participants must complete at least two beginner sessions prior to taking this intermediate class.
Instructor: Maiga Palkaunieks.
Tuesdays, October 20 to December 22, 10:00 to 11:00am
$50 for all 10 weeks

10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER’S
Do you know what is a typical age-related change vs something to be concerned about? This program will describe common signs of dementia, tips on how to approach someone about memory concerns, possible tests for diagnosis, and helpful Alzheimer’s Association resources. Presented by Robyn Kohn, Alzheimer’s Association.
Friday October 23, 11:00am

ALL ABOUT IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME
Don’t let irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) control your life. Learn about symptoms, causes, diagnosis, triggers and treatment, and how lifestyle changes may help to better control this chronic condition. Presented by David Pinn, MD.
Wednesday, November 4, 2:00pm

COLON HEALTH UPDATE
Lower your risk of colon cancer by learning how to keep your colon healthy, and also about symptoms, screenings and the latest treatment options. Presented by Jonathon Stillman, MD.
Wednesday, December 9, 10:00am
DIABETES AND COVID-19: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
Latest clinical research has demonstrated that people with diabetes have a higher risk of developing more severe symptoms and complications if they acquire COVID-19. This educational program will discuss the impact of diabetes on COVID-19, best prevention strategies, the latest research, how to properly manage blood sugars and much more. Presented by Bridget E. Jones, MSN, BA, RN, CDE. Friday, November 13, 11:00am

HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY
Self-care is non-negotiable. When you’ve taken steps to care for your mind and body, you’ll be better equipped to live your best life. Presenter will provide strategies to age well in the following areas: cognitive activity, social engagement, nutrition and physical health. Presented by Robyn Kohn, Alzheimer’s Association. Friday, October 30, 2:00pm

KNOWING HOW TO BE FAST WHEN IT COMES TO STROKE
Join us for a discussion about stroke awareness and how to act when encountering someone who may be having a stroke. In addition, learn about the signs and symptoms and risk factors of stroke and how to lower your risk. Presented by Erin Crum, BSN, RN, EMT, SCRN, ASC-BC. Wednesday, November 18, 7:00pm

NO BONES ABOUT IT
Osteoporosis affects around one in four women and one in 20 men over the age of 65. Come learn the basics surrounding causes, diagnosis and prevention, and find out what’s new in treatment. Presented by Janet Bartov, MD. Friday, November 6, 2:00pm

HEALTHY HEARING
Hearing changes can occur as we age. Join us for a talk with audiologist, AnnLisa Cantatore, on how hearing effects our health, what changes are normal, and what steps you can take to ensure you are hearing clearly. Presented by Diane Friedberg, Senior Program Development Specialist. Monday, October 26, 9:30am

STANDING TALL AGAINST FALLS
This community education program will address the issues of fall prevention and provide action steps older adults can take to reduce their fall risk. Instruction on the problem of falls in older adults, risks and consequences, and the role of a healthy lifestyle in preventing falls will be discussed. Presented by Diane Friedberg, Senior Program Development Specialist. Monday, October 26, 9:30am

STRETCHING FOR FUNCTIONAL LIVING
Learn some simple range-of-motion stretches that can help maintain your mobility to achieve your functional activities at home. Come ready to participate in comfortable loose clothing. Presented by Marguerite Maloney, PTA. Thursday, November 19, 11:30am

TAME THE PAIN
Learn the risks of prescription opioid use and the array of evidence-based, opioid-free pain management options for older adults. This program will help to reduce or discontinue opioid use by teaching healthy skills and alternatives such as physical therapy and yoga. Learn the skills to ensure healthier aging while managing your pain. Presented by NewBridge Services. Wednesday, October 28, 10:00am

THYROID NODULES AND THYROID CANCER
Thyroid nodules are a common problem. It is 10 times more common in older adults. Most thyroid nodules are benign, but some are malignant. Learn how thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer are diagnosed and managed. Presented by Sameer Stas, MD. Wednesday, November 11, 1:00pm

TOTAL KNEE AND HIP REPLACEMENT
Learn why total knee and total hip replacements are needed and the process of determining candidates for surgery. Also, expectations from the day you decide to have a total joint replacement through rehabilitation will be discussed. Presented by Robyn Gilyard, MS, RN, ONC, Nurse Navigator. Tuesday, November 3, 9:30am

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER’S AND DEMENTIA
In the United States alone, more than 5 million individuals are living with Alzheimer’s and 16 million are serving as their unpaid caregivers. The disease is a global crisis that impacts numerous families right here in our community. The Alzheimer’s Association has created an education program covering the basics of Alzheimer’s and dementia to provide a general overview for people who are facing a diagnosis as well as those who wish to be informed. Presented by Robyn Kohn, MA, CDP, Director of Programs and Services, Alzheimer’s Association. Friday, November 20, 10:00am
WHAT’S NEW IN BREAST HEALTH
Are you wondering what new treatments and research is available? According to the CDC, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. Come learn what factors and genetics can increase risk in men and women, different tools for screening and diagnosis, common misconceptions about treatments and much more. Presented by Bonni Guerin, MD, and Rebecca Yang, MD. Thursday, October 29, 1:00pm

WALK WITH A DOC
With many in-person Walk with a Doc events around the world being postponed, the team has decided to start hosting virtual WWAD events so that you can remain active and socially connected, even during a period of physical distancing. There are several options for viewing, so visit walkwithadoc.org for more information.

WELLNESS INITIATIVE FOR SENIORS (WISE)
This six-week program, open to adults 55+, will discuss safe use of medications, how to communicate with your healthcare provider, how to make healthy lifestyle choices, and alternate approaches to pain management. Please note registration is on a first come first serve basis and only those who have not previously attended are eligible. Funding for this program is provided by New Jersey Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. To register or for more information, contact Catherine at (908) 747-1143 or email catherine@centerforprevention.org. Presented by Catherine Apostol, CHES, Center for Prevention & Counseling. Tuesdays, October 6 to November 10, 1:00-3:00pm

ALPHABET SOUP OF MEDICARE
Join us for a program that will break down the parts and plans of essential and comprehensive health care coverage, as well as resources for free unbiased assistance. Presented by Terri Seibert. Friday, October 16, 11:00am

THE AMERICAN POSTCARD
Postcards have been with us since the time of George Eastman. They’ve gradually been replaced by emails and texts, but they were our country’s first social media. Enjoy a trip down memory lane as we look at examples of what was meant by the once-common phrase “Drop me a postal.” Presented by Jim DelGiudice. Friday, October 30, 10:00am

THE ART OF ORIGAMI
Tired of crossword puzzles and sudoku? Try origami, the art of paperfolding. No previous experience needed. Presented by Deanna Kwan. Thursday, November 12, 1:00pm

BACK IN TIME: TRINITY TEST
Code name “Trinity,” the first atomic bomb was detonated on the morning of July 16, 1945, ushering in the atomic age. The top-secret test site was situated in a remote area of the White Sands Bombing Range in New Mexico, where the final assembly of the device was completed along with numerous test and measurement sites near ground zero. The successful test enabled the second weapon to be
dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, on August 9, 1945. Presented by Bob Stead.

**BE SAFE, BE AWARE, BE SEEN**
Being a pedestrian in today’s distracted world requires everyone, especially older adults, to be alert, aware and easily visible by motorists. This informative program shares potentially lifesaving tips to stay safe wherever you walk year-round. Presented by Denis Kelleher, TransOptions.

*Monday, November 16, 11:30am*

**CHUCKLES, CHORTLES AND GIGGLES: THE BENEFIT OF LAUGHTER FOR SENIORS**
Whether it was a medium-sized chuckle or a full-belly guffaw, chances are your last good laugh helped lift your spirits. Did you know that humor can help you feel better and live longer? Come enjoy a few giggles and learn about the physical and mental health benefits of laughter. Presented by Rebecca Abenante, LCSW.

*Friday, December 4, 10:00am*

**EMBRACING AGING**
What does it mean to “age well”? Most people believe that the recipe for successful aging includes having a positive outlook and feeling physically healthy and socially connected to others. Join us to learn how you can find your own path to aging well and those resources available to help along the way. Presented by Rebecca Abenante, MSW, LCSW.

*Wednesday, November 4, 1:30pm*

**GRATITUDE AND YOU – PERFECT TOGETHER**
Join us to explore the benefits of gratitude and how to live your best life. Presented by Jean Marie Rosone, LCSW.

*Wednesday, November 18, 2:00pm*

**HOW TO KEEP DRIVING LONGER AND SAFELY**
Remaining independent for as long as possible, for most, means continuing to drive. This presentation gives you practical tips to keep driving safely and longer. Learn about driving options to try now. Presented by Denis Kelleher, TransOptions.

*Wednesday, November 18, 1:00pm*

**LIVING WITH GRIEF**
This 4-week lecture series will explore the normal, natural and unavoidable reactions to loss. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the effect grief has on our lives, our loved ones and our relationships. Presented by Cecelia Clayton, MPH.

*Tuesdays, October 6 to October 27, 7:00pm*

**MEDICARE – TIPS AND TRAPS**
Join us to learn how to avoid expenses that you expect Medicare to pay, and it doesn’t. Presented by The Warren County Division of Aging.

*Tuesday, October 13, 11:00am*

**NEW JERSEY: THE PERSONALITY STATE**
The Garden State’s most famous, notorious and unlikely characters come from right next door: actors, actresses, authors, legislators, philanthropists, even ghosts. In 1999, everyone was making millennial lists about books and movies. Photojournalist Jim DelGiudice began collecting people and has not stopped adding to his list yet. Presented by Jim DelGiudice.

*Friday, November 13, 10:00am*

**TEA AND TALK: ASSISTIVE ADAPTIVE DEVICES AND MODIFICATIONS**
Sip some tea (or coffee) and enjoy an educational program. This program will focus on how adaptive devices such as walkers, canes and more can make life a little easier and be beneficial in maintaining mobility and independence. A portion of this program will be presented by Back Home Safely, a company that provides modifications in and out of the home. Presented by Yvonne Diedwardo, Atlantic Health System Physical Therapist.

*Tuesday, November 10, 1:00pm*

**VETERANS DAY: WE HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED**
Join us for a program honoring veterans among us who have served, regardless of time or branch. The proxy wars of Vietnam, Korea, America at War in WWII, Pearl Harbor, The Battle of the Bulge and the heroic flag raisers of Iwo Jima will be discussed. The presenter will also touch upon benefits available to veterans. Presented by Dr. James P. Kane.

*Wednesday, November 11, 10:00am*
BOOSTING YOUR IMMUNITY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS
Sticking to a healthy diet can help maintain your immune system to better protect you against winter illnesses. Learn how certain nutrients build immunity, how the GI tract impacts immunity and how to boost it, and what you can do to fend off illness during the winter months. Recipes included. Presented by Megan Scutti, MS, RD. *Wednesday, November 18, 10:00am*

BUILDING BETTER BONES: NUTRITION FOR BONE HEALTH
Join us for a presentation focused on clearing up confusion about the best diet and supplements to support bone health and the most important nutrients to include as we age. Recipes will be provided. Presented by Danielle Buonforte, RD. *Thursday, October 29, 7:00pm*

CARBS VS. SUGAR
Join us to learn about the differences between carbs and sugar, good carbs and bad carbs, and how to read the food label correctly. Presented by Tara Gerke, RD, *Monday, November 2, 1:00pm OR Presented by Kelsey Pezzuti, RD, MS, Thursday, November 12, 11:00am.*

CHOLESTEROL AND YOUR HEALTH
Are you curious about what your cholesterol levels mean? Join us to learn more about the lifestyle modifications you can make to positively impact your cholesterol. Presented by Heather Shasa, MS, RD. *Wednesday, December 2, 10:00am*

FAST FOODS VS. WHOLE FOODS
Fast foods may be convenient, but they are missing some essential nutrients and have too much of another. Join to learn more about fast foods vs. whole foods. Presented by Leigh B. Kramer, MS, RDN, CDE. *Monday, November 30, 11:00am*

FOODS THAT BOOST YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM
The flu season is coming shortly and considering the recent experience with the coronavirus, join us for a discussion about foods to keep our immune system in tip-top shape. Presented by Cathy Olmstead, MS, RD, CDE, BC, ADM. *Friday, November 6, 2:00pm*

GUIDE TO YOUR GUT
The bacteria that live in your digestive tract can affect your well-being from head to toe, so it pays to nourish them. Learn what your gut is really telling you and discover which foods may combat bloating, gas and other digestive woes. Presented by Natalie Gillett, MS, RD. *Friday, November 6, 10:00am*

THE NEW NUTRITION FACTS LABEL 2020
That old nutrition label is getting a long-overdue makeover for 2020. Learn about the new changes and how they will help you to make healthier and more informed dietary choices. Presented by Danielle Buonforte, RD. *Wednesday, October 28, 2:00pm*

PLANT-BASED EATING: WHAT TO EAT AND WHAT TO AVOID
With plant-based foods as the new trend in healthy eating, is it all that it’s touted to be? Learn which plant-based foods boost your health and which might be doing more harm than good. Presented by Natalie Gillett, MS, RD. *Friday, December 11, 10:00am*

SEASONAL EATING: FRESH FALL PICKS
Each season has its set of delicious favorites. Join us in learning what seasonal produce is best in fall, important nutrition tips and easy ways to prepare or incorporate these into recipes you’re sure to love. Presented by Monica Hansen, RD. *Wednesday, October 28, 1:00pm*
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For more information, call 973-831-5168 or 973-831-5303.

Morristown Medical Center

CAREGIVER CAFÉ
The Café is a time and place for caregivers to gather, unwind and connect with one another. Program is offered by the United Way Caregivers Coalition. For dates and to register, call 973-993-1160, ext. 534.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES
Monthly group meetings to discuss issues related to caregiving. For more information, call Rebecca at 973-971-5839.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM
For information or to schedule an appointment, call 973-971-5524.

Overlook Medical Center

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OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP
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Hackettsstown Medical Center

BETTER BREATHERS CLUB
Discuss pulmonary disease and learn how to best manage your chronic lung disease. To register, call 908-979-8797.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
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HEALTHY HEARTS GROUP
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Newton Medical Center

BETTER BREATHERS CLUB
A program by the American Lung Association for people with chronic lung disease and their loved ones. To register, call 973-579-8373.
9 WAYS TO REDUCE ANXIETY DURING UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

Staying calm during challenging times such as the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is not easy, but it’s possible

REDUCE YOUR STRESS WITH THESE NINE TIPS:

1. **MEET YOUR BASIC NEEDS.** Create a new daily schedule. Prioritize healthy eating. Hydrate regularly. Aim for seven to nine hours of sleep per night. “A new routine will help ease the chaos,” Dr. Bolo says.

2. **PRIORITIZE YOUR HEALTH.** Manage any current medical conditions. It will help you feel better and will offer greater protection if you get sick. Avoid alcohol or drugs, which can heighten anxiety.

3. **STAY INTENTIONALLY CALM.** An occasional outburst is OK. But staying composed most of the time will benefit you and others. Free apps like Calm and Headspace have brief meditation exercises to help you self-soothe.

4. **GET OUTDOORS.** Walk, hike, bike or jog.

5. **BE KIND TO YOURSELF.** “You’re probably already doing a good job under this very stressful situation, so give yourself a pat on the back,” Dr. Bolo says.

6. **CONNECT WITH OTHERS.** Use online messaging and video apps to talk with family members and friends. Host virtual game nights or family dinners.

7. **USE UPLIFTING WORDS.** Remind loved ones you appreciate them. “Reassuring language soothes unsettled feelings,” Dr. Bolo says.

8. **LIMIT MEDIA EXPOSURE.** Stay informed with reputable media sources but take screen breaks so every “breaking news” banner does not create stress.

9. **GET CREATIVE.** “Any major crisis is an opportunity for creativity,” Dr. Bolo says. Turn hand-washing into a 20-second “spa” for your hands. Create a pandemic playlist on Spotify or other streaming services.

“Having some fear and anxiety over coronavirus is perfectly normal. But if anxiety begins to impede your ability to care for yourself or others, it’s a problem,” says Peter Bolo, MD, Interim Medical Director, Atlantic Behavioral Health; Chairman of Psychiatry, Overlook Medical Center; and Resiliency Advocate, Atlantic Health System.
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- It’s difficult to get to the doctor’s office
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- You live in an area with limited access to health care
- You need a prescription refilled (when appropriate)
- You aren’t sure whether you should go to urgent care or wait until your doctor’s office reopens
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- It’s after hours, the weekend, or a holiday
- Annual Wellness Visits

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**Social distancing:**
Observed throughout the hospital, except as needed in treatment areas for care delivery.

**No wait times and express check-in:**
In many offices and departments, patients can wait in their cars, complete check-in procedures using a cell phone, and are escorted right to the exam room/treatment area when ready.

**Express checkout:**
Patients are discharged immediately, when possible. An after-visit summary will be sent digitally to your MyChart account.

**Limited Visitors:**
To see the latest information, visit atlantichealth.org/visitor.

Feel free to call your health care professional with any questions or concerns. We are here for you.