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Leading Public Health Nurses During a Pandemic

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Public health has been evolving from “public health 1.0”, which included changes to sanitation and the development of vaccines to combat disease, to “public health 3.0”, which includes working to promote health and well-being through health in all policies and a focus in the social determinants of health. However, the arrival of SARS-CoV-2 has highlighted the challenges of fighting a novel pathogen in the midst of social and civil unrest. This seminar will highlight the challenges and success faced by the Virginia Department of Public Health professionals in the response to this virus.

Jeannine Uzel has been the director of Public Health Nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia since 2017. She earned a BSN from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and an MSN in Nursing Leadership from Eastern Mennonite University. Jeannine has over thirty years of nursing experience to the agency including ICU, Hospice, and acute care psychiatric nursing. She has extensive experience as a nurse in the school setting including eight years with Henrico County Public Schools. In addition, she worked as Immunization Coordinator and staff nurse at VCU student health where she managed the immunization program for a student population of 30,000, and served as a member of the VCU public health response team. Most importantly, Jeannine has front line public health experience in rural settings in the Chickahominy Health District and urban and suburban settings in the Richmond City and Chesterfield Health Districts. Jeannine has a passion for public health and supports the integral role of public health nurses in improving the health and well-being of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the effort to become the healthiest state in the nation.

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