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MSD CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

Please visit our MSD Coronavirus Resource page for continued updated guidance on COVID-19 at https://tinyurl.com/MSDCOVID19

DELAWARE RX CARD

Are you looking for help with the cost of your medications? Delaware Rx Card can help. Visit delawarerxcard.com to download a free card and save up to 80% on your prescription medications.

2021 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

Get your 2021 HIPAA, mandatory OSHA, & BLS training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

MSD IS ON FACEBOOK

"Like" the Medical Society of Delaware Facebook page for informative posts, pictures and events. Like & Follow us at: https://www.facebook.com/Medical SocietyofDelaware/<u>or</u> @medicalsocietyofdelaware and turn on your notifications.

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Practice Matters

Keeping Your Practice Informed Through Weekly Broadcast Fax

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MSD Holiday Schedule

The Medical Society of Delaware office will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. MSD wishes you and your family a safe and healthy holiday season.

Enroll to Become a COVID-19 Vaccinator

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is strongly recommending that medical practices go through the process of registering to be a COVID-19 vaccinator, regardless of whether the intention is to vaccinate. Being enrolled will allow small practices to have the option to vaccinate their own staff once the vaccine becomes available. The process to enroll can take time, so it is important not to delay. For step-by-step enrollment instructions, please visit https://tinyurl.com/PROVENRL. Enrollment questions can be submitted to COVIDVaccine@delaware.gov or call 302-744-1060.

Delaware Updates Quarantine Guidance for Persons Exposed to COVID-19

Consistent with recently released guidance and data from the Centers for Disease Control, the Division of Public Health is shortening the recommended quarantine period for the general public after exposure to an individual with COVID-19. In general, quarantine can be discontinued after Day 10 without testing, if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring, or after Day 7 of quarantine, if a diagnostic specimen collected within 48 hours of the time of planned quarantine discontinuation tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring.

The updated guidance only applies to individuals who were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, and does not apply to persons who are symptomatic or tested positive for the virus. It is very important that exposed individuals who discontinue quarantine prior to 14 days continue monitoring their symptoms for the full 14 days after their last exposure to a COVID-positive person. Visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html

Additional Relief Funding for Small Businesses

Governor John Carney and the Delaware Division of Small Business announced a new round of relief funding of \$26 million to support small businesses most affected by COVID-19 restrictions. The additional funding announced on Monday will provide a bonus of 20 percent for all DE Relief Grant recipients. For more information, please visit https://business.delaware.gov/relief/.

New Report Outlines Plan for Strengthening Primary Care in Delaware

Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro announced the release of the Office of Value-Based Health Care Delivery's initial provisional Affordability Standards as part of a new report, Delaware Health Care Affordability Standards: An Integrated Approach to Improve Access, Quality and Value, which includes plans to more than double primary care spending in the commercial fully-insured market by 2025. Read report at https://tinyurl.com/pcpdelaware.

The Affordability Standards announced, also include decreasing price growth for certain health care services and expanding the use of payment models that aim to improve health care value. The department will be accepting public comment on the report until January 25, 2021. Submit comments via email to DOI-legal@delaware.gov.

MSD Virtual Food Drive

In this year of the pandemic, food banks need more help to fill the shelves! With your donation you provide 3 meals for every dollar! This holiday season, you can give the hope of a holiday meal safely from your home or office! Reach out and help the community near you! To make a donation visit https://tinyurl.com/MSDFD20.

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Training & Education Series

Pfizer has scheduled a series of COVID-19 vaccine training and education sessions. To register, please choose your date from the links below. All sessions are scheduled at 10:00am EST. December 28 - https://tinyurl.com/pfizer1228 (Password - MPu7pemXp79) December 29 - https://tinyurl.com/pfizer1229 (Password - mWZiCiWQ555) December 30 - https://tinyurl.com/pfizer1230 (Password - FXz38tdHBx2)