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# Reminders

### 2020 HIPAA & OSHA TRAINING

Get your 2020 HIPAA & mandatory OSHA training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023. BLS training coming soon!

#### CERTIFIED MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER (CMOM) New Course dates to be announced.

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# Practice Matters

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# Phases of Reopening for Delaware

Delaware Governor John Carney announced in a press conference on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> a target date of **June 1** to begin "Phase 1" in reopening Delaware. In order to begin Phase 1, Delaware must meet several standards outlined by the Governor, which includes containing the COVID-19 hot spot in Sussex County. Once all the State's criteria is met, Delaware can begin the first of three phases. See all phases at https://tinyurl.com/dereopenphases.

## **MSD Creates Guidance on Resuming Your Medical Practice**

In anticipation of medical practices resuming regular business when the Governor begins to lift emergency restrictions, the Medical Society of Delaware's Physicians Relations Department has created an informative guide on best practices to safely resume medical practice operations and patient visits. Please visit https://tinyurl.com/MSDResumGuide.

# **Roadmap for Resuming Elective Surgery**

Several national Associations and Societies have published a Joint Statement, *Roadmap for Resuming Elective Surgery after COVID-19 Pandemic.* Physician and facility readiness to resume elective surgery will vary by geographic location. The Joint Statement provides a list of principles and considerations to guide physicians, nurses, and local facilities in their resumption of care for operating rooms and all procedural areas. For more information visit https://tinyurl.com/RDMPEL.

# Newly Discovered COVID-19 Linked Illness

Three young children have died in New York City due to a COVID-19-linked syndrome similar to Kawasaki Disease. Seventy-three children have been sickened by the rare disease in New York. Cases of the illness, called Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome Associated with COVID-19, have also been reported in Boston, Philadelphia, and Wilmington, Delaware. Prior to the appearance of this disease, fewer than four children had died in New York as a result of COVID-19. For more information, please visit https://tinyurl.com/newillnesscovid19.

# **MSD New Affinity Partner - Dealmed**

MSD understands your urgent need for medical supplies, **including Personal Protective Equipment** (**PPE**). MSD's newest Affinity Partner, Dealmed, is the largest, independent medical/surgical distributor in the Northeast region. Dealmed is offering MSD members special discounted rates and has the unique advantage of being able to offer a wide array of services, supplies (to include PPE, equipment, and injectable medications), and custom items to fit any budget. To set up an account or for a free consultation, please contact Sonja Baggett, Medical Consultant, at (302) 766-2124 or sbaggett@dealmed.com.

# **Modified Ordering Requirements for Laboratory Billing**

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, CMS is relaxing billing requirements for laboratory tests (PDF) required for a COVID-19 diagnosis. Any health care professional authorized under state law may order tests. Medicare will pay for tests without a written order from the treating physician or other practitioner if: 1) an order is not written, an ordering or referring National Provider Identifier (NPI) is not required on the claim; or 2) an order is written, and includes the NPI of the ordering or referring professional, consistent with current billing guidelines. For more information visit https://tinyurl.com/CVDLABMDF.

# **MSD Coordinates Hot Meals to Health Care Heroes**

Since early April, the Medical Society of Delaware, through our supporting foundation the Delaware Foundation for Medical Services, Ltd, has been proudly raising funds to supply hot meals to Delaware's "health care heroes." Tax-deductible contributions are helping to feed our front line hospital professionals, while supporting local restaurants who are providing the meals, a win-win. For more information visit https://tinyurl.com/MSDHotMeals.

# **MSD Coronavirus Resources**

The Medical Society of Delaware is here to assist you with guidance on new rules/regulations, provide resources, hear your concerns, and provide answers to your questions. Please visit our MSD Coronavirus Resource page at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/MSDCOVID19">https://tinyurl.com/MSDCOVID19</a> or contact our MSD Physician Relations team at 302-224-5196.