

COVID-19 UPDATE 5-7-2020

In an effort to keep Delaware's medical community current on the latest information regarding the coronavirus crisis, the Medical Society of Delaware is sharing the following:

DPH Announces 161 New Positive Cases / Nine Additional Deaths

According to the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH)**161** new Delawareans have been diagnosed with COVID-19, taking the total number of lab-confirmed cases to **5,939**, including **285** who are hospitalized, **56** of whom are critically ill.

Two hundred two individuals have died due to COVID-19 in Delaware with ages ranging from 26 to 103 years old. The most recent deaths announced today ranged in age from 32 to 94. Four were New Castle County resident, one was a Kent County resident, and four were Sussex County residents. All of the individuals had underlying health conditions. Seven individuals were residents of long-term care facilities.

Latest statistics on positive cases:

New Castle County cases: 2,130

• Kent County cases: 945

Sussex County cases: 2,834

Unknown County: 30Age range: 0 to 103

Read more.

Governor Carney Issues 15th Modification to State of Emergency

Governor John Carney issued his fifteenth modification to his State of

Emergency declaration, rescheduling Delaware's presidential primary to **Tuesday, July 7th**. The Delaware Department of Elections will mail absentee ballot applications to all registered Democrats and Republicans in the State of Delaware, providing all eligible registered Delaware voters the opportunity to vote by absentee ballot in the presidential primary election. Read more.

HHS Extends Deadline for Acceptance of Provider Relief Fund Payments

The Department of Health and Human Services has extended the deadline for health care professionals to attest to receipt of payments from the Provider Relief Fund and accept the Terms and Conditions. Providers will now have 45 days, increased from 30 days, from the date they receive a payment to attest and accept the Terms and Conditions or return the funds. Read more.

Maximizing Your PPP Loan Forgiveness Webinar

Delaware Business Times will be hosting a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan webinar that will focus on important steps to take to ensure businesses the best chance at loan forgiveness. The webinar will be held **Friday**, **May 8th at 11:00 a.m.** To register.

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. Learn more.

Physician Support Hotline

As stress and uncertainty continues to mount for all Delawareans during the coronavirus pandemic, MSD wanted to remind physicians that a grassroots organization made up of 500+ volunteer psychiatrists is providing free and confidential peer support during the COVID-19 pandemic to physicians. The support line is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. - midnight. 1-888-409-0141. Read more.

For more information and resources regarding COVID-19, MSD has created a coronavirus resource page on our website. <u>View resource page</u>.

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