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# COVID-19 UPDATE

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*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:*

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### **June 1st Announced as Delaware Target "Phase 1" Reopening Date**

Governor John Carney announced June 1 as the target date for Phase I of Delaware's economic reopening. Governor Carney also extended Delaware's State of Emergency declaration, including the stay-at-home order and its other modifications, through May 31. Entering Phase I is contingent on the State of Delaware's ability to contain the COVID-19 hot spot in Sussex County, and continued positive trends in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations statewide.

[Read more.](#)

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### **Statewide COVID-19 Testing to Expand**

Governor John Carney has announced a significant expansion of Delaware's statewide testing program for COVID-19 as Delaware moves toward Phase I of an economic reopening. The plan will be implemented in partnership with Delaware's hospital systems, primary care physicians, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and community organizations statewide.

The new testing program will allow the State of Delaware to conduct 80,000 tests monthly – more than four times the current level of testing statewide. Delaware's plan is based on guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). [Read more.](#)

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### **DPH Announces 172 New Positive Cases / Eleven Additional Deaths**

According to the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) **172** new Delawareans have been diagnosed with COVID-19, taking the total number of lab-confirmed cases to **6,111**, including **289** who are hospitalized, **59** of whom are critically ill.

**Two hundred thirteen** 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 55 to 99. Two were New Castle County resident, two were Kent County residents, and seven were Sussex County residents. Ten 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: 2,184
- Kent County cases: 963
- Sussex County cases: 2,936
- Unknown County: 28
- Age range: 0 to 103

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## **COVID-19-Linked Illness Affecting Children Including Three at Nemours**

Children with a rare but potentially dangerous complication thought to be linked to COVID-19 have now been identified in at least seven states and the Washington, D.C., area. Cases have been reported at Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Recently named "pediatric multi system inflammatory syndrome," symptoms can mirror those of other inflammatory illnesses, such as Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome, but reports also include problems with heart function. [Read more.](#)

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## **Carney Answers Reporter Questions / Gives COVID-19 Status Update**

Delaware Governor John Carney addressed reporters today in his semi-weekly briefing about key issues facing the First State, including discussions about Sussex County's COVID-19 status, reopening the beaches, and when Delaware can expect to start phase 1 of restarting the economy. Division of Public Health Director Karyl Rattay, MD was on hand, as well as A.J. Schall, Director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), to answer questions about testing and efforts to prevent community spread in the First State. [Watch press briefing.](#)

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**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](#).

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*For more information and resources regarding COVID-19, MSD has created a coronavirus resource page on our website. [View resource page](#).*

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