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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.

MSD Offers BLS Training

MSD provides BLS training and certification renewal. Contact 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.

Contact MSD

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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 31 and Friday, January 1, 2021 in observance of the New Year holiday. MSD wishes you and your family a safe and healthy new year!

Clarification on COVID-19 Vaccination Options

The Medical Society of Delaware in partnership with the Division of Public Health, and the Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association is issuing a joint communication intended to clarify your options regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and how to access it for you and your staff. Read more at https://tinyurl.com/COVIDvaccineoptions.

DPH Finalizes Recommendations for Next Groups Eligible for Vaccine

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) has finalized its recommendations for Phase 1b, the next groups who will be considered eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. These groups include frontline essential workers and persons 65 and older. Currently, the state is in Phase 1a of vaccine rollout which includes vaccinations for health care personnel with direct contact with ill patients or infectious material, emergency medical services agencies, and long-term care staff and residents. Vaccination for Phase 1b groups is expected to begin by the end of January.

DPH has set up a Vaccine Call Center at 1-833-643-1715. Those who are deaf or hard of hearing should call 2-1-1 or text their ZIP code to 898-211. DPH's Vaccine Call Center is open from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, and from 10:00am to 4:00pm Saturday. Individuals can email their questions concerning the vaccine to Vaccine@Delaware.gov. Individuals can also visit de.gov/covidvaccine for up-to-date information.

Reminder: 2021 Controlled Substance Registration Renewal

Delaware physicians holding a Controlled Substance Registration (CSR), will be required to renew by **June 30, 2021**. All practitioners who apply for a Delaware CSR, must complete a mandatory two-hour, two part course pertaining to safe prescribing and distributing of controlled substances, treatment of pain, and recognizing and treating opioid use disorder. **This is the <u>ONLY</u> approved course for meeting the CSR renewal requirement**.

Practitioners initially issued a CSR for a period less than two years do NOT need to repeat this course in that initial licensure period. All other CSR holders must complete this course to meet the two-hour continuing education requirement each renewal cycle. For more information, please visit https://tinyurl.com/dprmandatory.

MSD Offers 2021 HIPAA/OSHA Training

Stay compliant and get your 2021 HIPAA and mandatory OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens training scheduled as soon as possible! MSD's Compliance Coordinator, Dwayne Downs will provide live training in your office at your convenience. Contact Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023 or dwayne.downs@medsocdel.org.

MSD Virtual Food Drive – Last Days to Give!

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! The Virtual Food Drive campaign will close December 31. To make a donation visit https://tinyurl.com/MSDFD20.

SAVE THE DATE – 2021 Insurance Payer Workshop

Start the new year off right and Save the Date for the MSD Insurance Payer Workshop on Thursday, January 28, 2021 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Learn the latest on changes and updates by the major insurance payers for 2021. Representatives from Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Highmark, United Healthcare, and CMS are invited to participate. More information to follow.