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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>

### 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

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## Registration Closed – 2021 Virtual Insurance Payer Workshop

Registration has closed for the MSD Virtual Insurance Payer Workshop on Thursday, January 28, 2021 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. This session has reached full capacity.

## DPH COVID-19 Vaccination Updates

### Vaccine Appointment Request System for 1b Qualifiers Launched:

- Requests for appointments for the Division of Public Health (DPH) vaccination events are now being taken at [vaccinerequest.delaware.gov](http://vaccinerequest.delaware.gov). It is highly recommended the online system be used. For those without computer access call the COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at **1-833-643-1715**. The large number of requests submitted created a waiting list for vaccination appointments, and do not immediately provide an appointment time and location, which will be offered to requesters as they become available. An e-mails issued Thursday to seniors who requested vaccination and met the higher-risk criteria came from VAMS, the Vaccine Administration Management System and contains an individualized link and instructions.

### Drive-through Vaccination Events:

- Vaccination events scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Delaware City, as well as Saturday and Sunday in Georgetown are by appointment only for individuals ages 65 and older who first registered. Saturday and Sunday events (not Friday) will also serve 2,000 Phase 1A health care personnel who have appropriate documentation from their employer or DPH. Any person without an appointment or appropriate documentation will be turned away.
- For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/DPH56k>.

### Virtual Immunization Office Hours:

The DPH Vaccine Unit will be holding "virtual" Immunization Office Hours for three weeks in January and February via Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00pm – 4:00pm/ The Office Hours are being held so providers can meet directly with members of the Immunization Program for support and to review the provider enrollment process. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/DPHVirtual>.

## E-Prescribing Regulation

MSD reminds physicians of the new Delaware Electronic Prescribing law that went into effect on January 1, 2021. Delaware has transitioned from written to electronic prescriptions. The federal law mandates e-prescribing for all controlled substances covered under Medicare Part D, with a few exceptions. Delaware House Bill 115, expands this requirement to all prescriptions, with certain exceptions. The Delaware Board of Medical Licensure will be finalizing rules regarding waivers at their February Board meeting. In the meantime, the Division of Professional Regulations (DPR) recommends that practices continue working on a plan to become compliant. Section (c) of HB 115 states **A Pharmacist who receives a written, oral or faxed prescription IS NOT required to verify that the prescription properly falls under one of the exceptions. Pharmacists may continue to dispense medications from otherwise valid written, oral or fax prescriptions that are otherwise legal.** For an information sheet with a list of exceptions, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/DELEPrescribe>. View HB115 in its entirety at <https://tinyurl.com/DELHB115>. For regulation questions, call 302-744-4500.

## MSD Physician Leadership Series

The Medical Society of Delaware has launched the "Excellence in Physician Leadership Series, A Certificate Program in Leadership Development" as a 12-week self-paced certificate program in physician leadership education and development which includes attendance at two required live sessions. This program will share the relevant skills necessary for leadership excellence and equip physicians with practical tools in finance, practice improvement, strategy, public speaking and decision-making to empower physicians to effectively participate in leading organizations in the rapidly changing world of health reform. **The cohort is now open.** For more information and to register visit: <https://reg.planetreg.com/PhysicianLeadershipSeries>.

## Premier Educational Partner Spotlight - DHIN

Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) was the first live, statewide health information exchange in the nation. Launched in 2007, today it serves all of Delaware's acute care hospitals and nearly 100% of the state's medical providers. DHIN shares real-time clinical information to improve patient outcomes, eliminate the duplication of services and reduce the cost of healthcare. For more information about DHIN, visit <https://dhin.org/> and connect on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram (@DHIN\_hie).