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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 INTERIM COUNCIL MEETING REGISTRATION

Thursday, April 8, 2021 beginning at 6:00 pm. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/sfbkfaec>

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MSD Hot Topic Virtual CME Lecture

Physician-Assisted Suicide/Medical Aid in Dying, Pros & Cons

Last chance to register for a *Hot Topic*, virtual lecture offered to physician members and residents on Physician-Assisted Suicide/Medical Aid in Dying, Pros & Cons on **Wednesday, April 7th, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm**, presented by Ethicist Marvin Lee, PhD, ChristianaCare/La Salle University and Ethicist Stephen Taylor, PhD, Delaware State University/Bayhealth. The program will start with a case example presented by moderator John Goodill, MD, Chair of the MSD Committee on Ethics, followed by a Q&A session. Visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/physicianassistedsuicideproscons2021>.

Virtual Town Hall - Opioid Task Force: Expanding Pathways to Recovery

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, will host a two-hour virtual Town Hall **April 6, 9:45 am - 12:00 pm**. For more information and to register visit <https://tinyurl.com/9cc3rrcr>.

COVID-19 Vaccination Program Will Open to Delawareans 16+ on April 6

Governor John Carney and the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) announced that beginning April 6 at 10:00 am, all Delawareans aged 16 or older will become eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at pharmacies, community vaccination sites, and mass vaccination events hosted by the State of Delaware. Delawareans who are 16+ may register on the State of Delaware's COVID-19 vaccination waiting list at vaccinerequest.delaware.gov. Pharmacies may also begin vaccinating Delawareans who are 16+. Medical professionals including primary care doctors, specialty clinicians, and hospital systems only will continue to vaccinate Delawareans aged 16-64 with moderate and high-risk medical conditions and disabilities. To review a list of updated medical conditions visit <https://tinyurl.com/3b8nsume>.

Governor Carney Signs Revisions to The Omnibus COVID-19 Order

Governor John Carney signed eighth & ninth revisions to the COVID-19 emergency order effective April 1. The eighth revision increases outdoor gathering limits and eases capacity restrictions in outdoor venues. View the eighth revision at <https://tinyurl.com/jft53rbj>. The ninth revision updates public health requirements for youth and amateur sports. View the ninth revision at <https://tinyurl.com/99nbjpac>.

DHSS Updates Guidance for Visitation at Delaware's Long-Term Care Facilities

The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) has updated its guidance to Delaware's long-term care facilities following recent federal recommendations that allow for expanded indoor visitation during the COVID-19 pandemic. To view the updated guidance visit <https://tinyurl.com/c2xhbjb>.

CMS Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule

The Interoperability and Patient Access final rule (CMS-9115-F) put patients first by giving them access to their health information when they need it most and in a way they can best use it. This final rule focused on driving interoperability and patient access to health information by liberating patient data using CMS authority to regulate Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Qualified Health Plan (QHP) issuers on the Federally-facilitated Exchanges (FfEs). Recognizing the challenges faced by payers during the COVID-19 public health emergency, CMS exercised enforcement discretion for the Patient Access API and Provider Directory API policies for MA, Medicaid, and CHIP effective January 1, 2021. **CMS will start enforcing these new requirements July 1, 2021.** For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/mxccc87b>.

NHSC Loan Repayment Programs

The National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program Application (NHSC LRP) Cycles are now open through May 6 for NHSC LRP, NHSC Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce LRP, and NHSC Rural Community LRP. More specific program information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/d2yxvh7u>.

Progress Made to Extend Sequester Moratorium

The Senate passed an agreement reached by Leaders Schumer and McConnell to extend the 2% Medicare sequester moratorium that expires on April 1. The legislation would provide a nine-month extension of the moratorium, through Dec. 31. For more information <https://tinyurl.com/tmae2nak>.

MSD Holiday Hours

The Medical Society of Delaware offices will be closed on Friday, April 2nd and Monday April 5th in observation of the religious holiday weekend. MSD will reopen Tuesday April 6th.