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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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## DPH Shares Concerns Regarding Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

The Division of Public Health (DPH) shares the FDA's and CDC's concerns regarding the six cases of blood clots nationwide, among those who received the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine. DPH appreciates that the FDA, CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are looking into data from the US and abroad to assess whether there may be a causal link between the J&J vaccine and blood clots. They are unaware of any issues of blood clots in Delaware that may be related to this vaccine. At this time per the CDC, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare. The effects that would indicate a blood clot are different than the usual and expected side effects of a vaccine. People who have received the J&J vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider. Out of an abundance of caution, DPH is recommending that our Delaware vaccine partners hold off on using the J&J vaccine until the situation has been further assessed. The state will not use J&J at its vaccination sites until they receive further federal guidance. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/9w6e4v8u>. For the Joint CDC and FDA Statement, visit <https://tinyurl.com/cdcfdajvaccine>.

## Governor Carney Announces COVID-19 Vaccination Program Fully Open

The state's COVID-19 vaccination program is now fully open to Delawareans 16+ at any vaccination provider. This news means that any eligible Delawarean who wants a COVID-19 vaccine should be able to get one - whether it's at their doctor's office, a local pharmacy, or a community vaccination event. Visit [de.gov/covidvaccine](https://de.gov/covidvaccine) for information on Delaware's COVID-19 vaccination program.

## DrFirst – iPrescribe Electronic Prescribing Demo

The Medical Society of Delaware is working to ensure our members can comply with Delaware's Electronic Prescribing Mandate that was effective January 1, 2021. Join MSD and DrFirst for a virtual demo on "iPrescribe" – Electronic Prescribing Application. Thursday, April 27, 2021 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. For more information and to register, please visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/DrFirstDemo>

## The Dangers of Vaping Virtual Session

Join us for a Free Public Education Session on the Dangers of Vaping. This event is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, 2021 Virtual Event 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Albert A. Rizzo, M.D., as Chief Medical Officer for the American Lung Association, is the organization's senior medical authority. Dr. Rizzo has long been a key medical advisor to the American Lung Association, a member of the Lung Cancer Expert Medical Advisory Panel and a leading media spokesperson for the Association. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetReg.com/DangersOfVaping>.

## New Surprise-Billing Law on The Way: What Doctors Must Know

Learn what's required of physicians and non-physician clinicians and how disputes with health plans will be settled under the new No Surprises Act. The federal law goes into effect 1/1/2022. Read more from the AMA at <https://tinyurl.com/fhcu482c>.

## AMA Survey: Info Blocking Rule Examples Needed

The AMA is conducting an informal survey to collect members' perspectives, stories, and examples of patient harm as it relates to the release of protected health information (PHI). This information will inform AMA's policy and advocacy efforts. The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) recently implemented regulations that require physicians to make available a variety of medical information (e.g., lab tests, clinical notes, medications, etc.) to entities or individuals requesting that information for or on behalf of the patient. **The AMA is interested in real-world examples, scenarios, and instances where the release of reports or notes without vital physician context or review with the patient could or has caused emotional or mental harm.** The AMA is advocating for OCR to revise its sub-regulatory guidance on "harm" to include emotional and mental distress. This would facilitate ONC's ability to create additional flexibility. Please send your examples to [Ela.Cameron@ama-assn.org](mailto:Ela.Cameron@ama-assn.org) by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Submit Your Top Doctors Nominations

Who are the best doctors in Delaware? Your nominations are wanted for *Delaware Today's* 2021 Top Doctors. Honorees will be announced in the October issue. To make voting easier, *Delaware Today* has divided the ballot into five categories. The voting deadline is May 10. If you need assistance, please email senior editor Melissa Jacobs at [mjacob@todaymediainc.com](mailto:mjacobs@todaymediainc.com). For more information and to cast your nominations please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N3MXDS2>.