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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.

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Updated Instructions For Business Contacts Entering Medical Facilities

Effective April 21, 2021, hospitals and physician's offices are no longer required to request a waiver from the Division of Public Health to allow business contacts to enter these medical facilities. Business contacts, such as medical sales associates and non-essential deliveries, are permitted in medical facilities at the facility or office's discretion. Medical facilities are still required to follow all applicable restrictions under the COVID-19 State of Emergency Declaration. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ywsncvc6>

DPH Survey on COVID-19 Vaccine for 12 to 15-Year-Olds

Are you the parent of a 12 to 15-year-old? The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) wants to hear from you! The FDA has expanded authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine for this age group, showing a high antibody response from the vaccine and 100% protection against the virus. DPH wants to gauge the willingness of parents to get their children vaccinated. The survey is anonymous and should take five minutes or less to complete. Click this link to begin <https://tinyurl.com/36exjtn>. The survey will be active through next Thursday, May 20.

DPH Opens New Standing Vaccination Clinics In Four Locations

The Delaware Division of Public Health has opened four standalone COVID-19 vaccination clinics this week, which will serve for the next several months as an option for people to be vaccinated with or without an appointment, including those in the newly eligible 12-and-older age group. These clinics use Pfizer vaccine and can immediately begin vaccinating the 12+ age group. The vaccination clinics will schedule appointments or accept walk-ins Monday through Friday between 8:30 and 11:30 am and 1:15 and 4:00 pm. Appointments can be made by calling 1-833-643-1715, and will handle walk-in traffic as well. For more information and locations visit <https://tinyurl.com/yybz9r8x>.

Practice Management and Education Session – Cyber Security

Registration for the next Practice Management and Education Session is open. The topic for this session will be on Cyber Security and will be presented by SecureNetMD and Sharon Ruth from MSDIS, USI. This virtual event will be held on **Thursday, May 27th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm**. For more information and to register please visit <http://c.planetreg.com/cybersecurity21>.

Certified Medical Office Manager Course (CMOM)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! MSD, in partnership with the Practice Management Institute, is offering a Certified Medical Office Manager (CMOM) course on **June 17, 18, 24 & 25 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Medical Society Delaware Conference Center in Newark**. The CMOM curriculum is a complete resource chosen by medical office professionals seeking to expand their skills and excel in a practice leadership role. Whether you are currently running a practice or want to acquire the skills to become a practice leader, the program will explain this role in detailed, easy-to-follow modules. Participants will gain a thorough foundation for managing a successful medical practice. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/CMOM2021>. **Seating is limited!**

Deadline approaching: Apply for PCF by May 21

The deadline to apply for the second cohort of the Primary Care First (PCF) model is next Friday, May 21, 2021. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) previously released a request for applications for its second cohort of the alternative payment model (APM), set to begin in January 2022. CMS has indicated that practices selected to participate will be notified in summer or fall 2021, and onboarding will occur during the last quarter of the year. The first PCF cohort began in January 2021, and the model will qualify as an advanced APM in both 2021 and 2022. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/43czybsa>.

Congress Needs to Act on Telehealth

Recently, legislation was introduced in both the House and Senate that, if passed, would make the expanded access to telehealth services permanent. The Telehealth Modernization Act of 2021 (H.R. 1332/S. 368) would lift the rural-only restriction and add any site where a patient is located as a potential originating site and ensure all Medicare beneficiaries may receive covered Medicare telehealth benefits, including at home and via mobile technologies as appropriate, while the CONNECT for Health Act (H.R. 2903/S. 1512) would provide HHS with permanent authority to waive these restrictions, similar to the authority the agency has for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Tell Congress to make expanded telehealth services permanent by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/53w5hssk>.