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Reminders

MEDICAL FRONT OFFICE SKILLS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

October 21-22, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the MSD Conference Center in Newark
To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS2021>.

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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Governor Announces Vaccination and Testing Updates

Governor Carney and the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services announced that beginning September 30, staff in long-term care facilities and other health care facilities will be required to provide proof of vaccination or undergo regular testing to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 to vulnerable populations. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/s6dwwd3a>.

Gov. Carney Updates Mask Requirements & Extends Public Health Emergency

Governor Carney announced Tuesday that state employees and visitors to Delaware state facilities must wear masks indoors, consistent with CDC guidance, starting Monday, August 16. This applies to all individuals, regardless of their vaccination status. Governor Carney on Tuesday also formally extended the Public Health Emergency order in place to allow the State of Delaware and medical providers to continue COVID-19 vaccination and testing programs. Under Delaware law, Public Health Emergency declarations must be renewed every 30 days. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/yn8mhejt>.

Check For COVID-19 Vaccination In Back-To-School Physicals

The Biden Administration is requesting pediatricians to include COVID-19 vaccination in back-to-school sports physicals and encouraging schools to host their own vaccination clinics. The initiative is aimed at getting students back to in-person learning this fall. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine have partnered with the Biden Administration to issue guidance for physicians and form updates required for school physicals. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/9559ryzj>.

CDC Recommends COVID-19 Vaccine For Pregnant Women

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has now recommended that pregnant and breastfeeding women be vaccinated against the coronavirus, after finding no increased risk of miscarriage among those who have been immunized. This guidance is in alignment with recommendations made by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, as well as other medical specialty groups. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/zujyseuh>.

Legislation Signed For Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program

Governor Carney signed House Bill 48, legislation that establishes a Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program for health care professionals who have recently completed their graduate education. The program will be administered by the Delaware Health Care Commission, which may award education loan repayment grants of up to \$50,000 per year for a maximum of four years. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/62zf3r2r>.

Statewide Mask Requirement For Schools & Child Care

Governor Carney has announced that, regardless of vaccination status, everyone kindergarten-age and older in K-12 schools and child care homes and centers must wear face coverings indoors effective on Monday, August 16. The requirement is for both public and private schools in Delaware. Child care centers and homes are strongly encouraged to require masks for children 2 years old to kindergarten inside their facilities. School sports athletes will also be required to wear masks for indoor practices and games played indoors. Indoor school sports masking decision does not preclude the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association or any member school from instituting an outdoor mask mandate. State employees and visitors in Delaware state facilities must wear masks indoors, starting August 16, regardless of vaccination status. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/yf6yhu86>.

Buprenorphine 101 Class: Prescribing And Referring

Recent federal changes no longer require providers to go through the traditional 8-hour training to obtain their X waiver for prescribing limited amounts of buprenorphine. The 2-hour classes are available for providers to learn from subject matter experts about the basics of incorporating Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) into their treatment plans for patients with opioid use disorder. Two upcoming virtual classes remain: **Thursday, August 19 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 14 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Instruction will be provided on how to apply for an X waiver through SAMHSA. Training is open to all Delaware physicians, residents, medical students, and advance practice providers. Those applying for their X waiver at the end of the course will receive \$750 in compensation, as well as 2.0 CME credits for full participation. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2y5xvz2b>.