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Reminders

ENROLL IN MSD'S 2022 GROUP MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DISCOUNT

Save 10% on 2022 regular membership dues! If your group is interested, please contact Michelle.Seymour@medsocdel.org or (302) 224-4905 to enroll

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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CDC Map Indicates Delaware COVID-19 Spread As "Substantial"

According to seven-day positivity data published in the online tracker by county from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as of Tuesday, all three Delaware counties are listed as "substantial" for COVID-19 transmission. This is the second-highest rate of transmission on the CDC's scale. According to the CDC's revised guidance announced last week, vaccinated people in areas of substantial or high transmission of COVID-19 should resume wearing masks in indoor public places. Positive cases are trending upward. As of August 4, Delaware's seven-day average for percentage of positive tests was listed at 4.4 percent (124.4 new cases, 7-day average) and 53 hospitalizations with 9 critical. In Delaware, those not fully vaccinated account for 99 percent of positive cases, 99.4 percent of hospitalizations, and 98.7 percent of deaths (data from January 1, 2021, through mid-July). To view Delaware COVID-19 data dashboard visit <https://tinyurl.com/z44srvfd>.

Delaware Announces COVID-19 Testing Recommendations

Governor John Carney, the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), and the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) have updated recommendations on the frequency of testing, new testing locations and are providing take-home test kits which are available at Delaware Libraries. With COVID-19 cases increasing in the state and nation, and the majority of cases occurring among unvaccinated individuals, Governor Carney, DPH, and DEMA echo the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) urgent call to increase vaccinations nationwide. All Delawareans 12-years-old and older are urged to get vaccinated if they have not already received their COVID-19 vaccine. For individuals who are not vaccinated, testing is key to identifying and preventing additional infection. DPH recommends the following updated guidance for unvaccinated people: • Get tested once a week. • Get tested 5-7 days after being exposed to someone with COVID. • Isolate at home immediately if unvaccinated and develop symptoms of COVID19, and • Quarantine at home immediately if exposed to someone with COVID-19. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/yk5dr5sr>.

CMS Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule

The American Medical Association (AMA) has produced a summary of the CY 2022 Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on July 13. The proposed rule covers diverse topics including the CY 2022 Rate Setting and Medicare Conversion Factor, Evaluation/Management (E/M) office visit services, telehealth and other services involving communications technology, and updates to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) through Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) activities, methodology, payment adjustments, and the Promoting Interoperability performance category, among other provisions. CMS is requesting that comments be submitted no later than September 13. The AMA intends to respond to the proposed rule. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/d5zm6wzy>.

DPH Provides COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is urging the need to increase COVID-19 vaccination to prevent surges of cases through the late summer and early fall months. Earlier this week, MSD shared with you a letter from Karyl Rattay, MD, Director of the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), requesting you engage your patients about the COVID-19 vaccine. As someone who is trusted to make health care decisions, your voice and input matter. To help support you and your staff in promoting the COVID-19 vaccine to your unvaccinated patients, DPH has produced a comprehensive Health Care Provider COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit. Included in the toolkit is access to flyers, screensavers, posters, buttons, talking points, videos for office TVs, tips to increase/promote vaccination among staff, instructions to hold a Facebook Town Hall event for patients, and an order form for materials (you can print out materials within the toolkit or use the order form to order professionally produced quantities - all free of charge). To view the toolkit visit <https://tinyurl.com/9nmrajch>.

MSD Holds Successful Hot Topic Session

Tuesday's Hot Topic CME session, "COVID-19 Updates and Myocarditis," reached registration capacity. Co-hosted with the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), presentations included Delaware statistics, the Delta variant, and vaccinations. Also co-hosted with the Delaware Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (DeAAP), Nemours physicians provided an update on Myocarditis in Pediatric Patients. MSD Hot Topic education sessions are provided to keep our members and their practices up-to-date on the latest medical information. To listen to the recorded session please visit <https://www.medicalsocietyofdelaware.org/delaware/>.