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## Reminders

### 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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## Register For MSD Annual Meeting (Virtual)

The Medical Society of Delaware's 2021 Annual Meeting & Educational Program week will be held **Tuesday November 9th - Thursday November 11th**. This year's education program will focus on Navigating Technology in the Medical Practice. **Speakers include:** Adam Balick, Healthcare Attorney Balick & Balick and Winston Liaw, MD, MPH Chair, Department of Health Systems and Population Health Sciences, University of Houston College of Medicine. To register <https://tinyurl.com/2bc7c35h>.

## Mental Health Free Virtual Event

Join MSD, the OBVIOUS Campaign for Kids Initiative, Nami Delaware, Nemours and the Life Health Center, for a Mental Health Virtual Event for school-aged children K-12 on **November 16th at 6:00 pm**. Hear presentations by special guest speakers, Anne Sleese, M.Ed; Norwood Coleman, Jr., LCSW-S, ACSW; Meghan Tuohy Walls, PsyD; and Vanessa Patel, MD. This free event is open to all allied health professionals and the general public. Registration is free and required to attend. To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/MentalHealthAwareness>.

## Virtual Event - COVID-19: What Happens Next: "Second Order" Threats

Please join us for the next Practice Management and Education Session (virtual), presented by CURI, on **Thursday, November 18 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm**. This session will provide an overview and details about the current COVID-19 climate, including current standings of vaccine distribution, which regulatory changes should continue to be monitored, COVID-19's lasting impact on independent practices, and more. To register for this virtual event please visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/COVID-19Webinar>.

## CDC Approves Booster Dose for COVID-19 Vaccines - Updated Guidance

Following the CDC's expansion of the recommendation on boosters, please be aware of the populations eligible for booster doses, that "mixing and matching" is authorized for boosters, and updated product details including vial type and dosage for the three vaccines. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2vv38w85>.

## Workplace Vaccine Mandate Status

After President Biden's announcement in early September, the U.S. Department of Labor has been working on developing a rule for employers with 100 or more employees to require those employees to get vaccinated, face weekly testing, or—presumably—lose their jobs. The rule is difficult to write with legal and practical challenges. The regulations are intended to be finalized soon. The Labor Department submitted the text of the rule to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which requires companies with 100 or more workers to mandate that workers be vaccinated or face weekly testing. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/a6ddd383>.

## Fourth Shots for Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

According to updated guidelines published this week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says some people with weakened immune systems who received either Moderna's or Pfizer-BioNTech's coronavirus vaccine can get a fourth shot. Moderately or severely immunocompromised people who have already received a third dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines may get a fourth shot six months or more after their last dose was administered, according to the CDC. These people can receive a booster dose of any of the three vaccines for a total of four vaccine doses. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/hdsyf9x0f>.

## FDA Panel Recommends Vaccines for 5-11 Year Olds

An independent committee of experts advising the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) met on Tuesday and voted to recommend authorizing the Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine for children 5-11 years old. If both the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) vote in favor, children in this age group could be eligible for the vaccine in the first week of November. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/4yduzaw6>.

## Requirements for Reporting Race/Ethnicity in DeIVAX

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) has provided information on the process for reporting race and ethnicity data into DeIVAX. All providers are required to accurately report race and ethnicity data for all immunizations, including COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 vaccines, and for patients of all ages. The information also provides the accepted race and ethnic categories. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/3nd7rk23>.