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## Reminders

### 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. To register: <https://reg.planetreg.com/MentalHealthAwareness>

### 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)

**LAST CHANCE FOR MSD PHYSICIAN MEMBERS TO REGISTER.** 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 to present on the legal side of using telemedicine in your practice and Winston Liaw, MD, MPH Chair, Department of Health Systems and Population Health Sciences, University of Houston College of Medicine to present on using artificial intelligence in your practice. To register <https://tinyurl.com/2bc7c35h>.

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

Please join us for the next MSD 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 visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/COVID-19Webinar>.

## DPH Advises Offering Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5 to 11

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) announced this week that Delaware's vaccine providers can begin administering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 pediatric vaccine to children ages 5 to 11. The Pfizer vaccine dose has been reduced for children under the age of 12. The pediatric dose (10 mcg) is 1/3 the adult dose (30 mcg). There is also the addition of tri-sucrose, an inactive ingredient used in other vaccines making it easier to dilute and stabilize in a refrigerator. The vaccine can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 10 weeks. Different colored caps indicate differences between adult and pediatric vaccine (Pediatric is orange; Ages 12+ is purple). Please note that shipments of vaccine are coming into the state in waves, so it may take a few days for vaccinating providers to have pediatric vaccine on hand for this age group. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/6rduskwf>. Also, MSD is sharing a quick reference fact sheet for booster and additional doses for certain populations, visit <https://tinyurl.com/395pyky7>.

## CMS Requires COVID-19 Vaccines for Health Care Staff

### Businesses With 100+ Employees Must be Vaccinated or Get Tested Weekly

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will require COVID-19 vaccines for all **employees at Medicare and Medicaid-participating health care facilities** by January 4. The rule went through an expedited process due to the public health emergency. It will take effect as soon as it is published in the Federal Register. OSHA has issued an emergency temporary standard (ETS) to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the workplace and will require all **employees at businesses with 100 or more workers** to be vaccinated or get tested weekly. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/jvu84uc4>.

## ONC Asked to Delay Posting Test Results Electronically

The Information Blocking rule that took effect April 5 requires health care professionals to deliver to the patient's electronic portal the results of their tests and studies in 16 categories as soon as they are electronically available. Confusion over how this rule is to be implemented and going to be enforced has prompted physicians to request the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) to provide the ability to delay posting the results by 24 to 72 hours, giving physicians opportunity to reach out to the patient first about their health information.

## First Cases of Flu Identified for 2021-2022 Season

The Delaware Division of Public Health announced the State's first two laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza for the 2021-2022 flu season, including the first pediatric case. Neither individuals were hospitalized or had received the flu vaccine. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/e678cjb7>.

## University of Delaware Fall Q & A Session - Start Your Education Journey

MSD has partnered with the University of Delaware to offer you a 10% tuition discount with flexible and affordable degree options through a fully online classroom. Register <https://tinyurl.com/en4tsu2y> to participate in the November Q&A Session on **Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm**.

## Daylight Saving Ends Sunday, November 7 - Fall Back One Hour