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Reminders

2022 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

Get your 2022 HIPAA, mandatory OSHA, & BLS training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

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Delaware Partners with FEMA for Free COVID Drive-Thru Testing

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) and the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) announced that the State of Delaware is partnering with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to open a free COVID-19 drive-thru testing site from **January 17 to February 7, 2022**. **Appointments will be required.** The testing is free and registration can be done at www.ineedacovid19test.com to obtain a voucher. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/3t9p7422>.

Government Website for At-Home COVID Tests

The Biden administration on Tuesday began taking orders for free rapid at-home COVID-19 tests, one day ahead of the planned launch of the website for ordering and distributing tests to people in the United States. The site launched officially mid-morning on Wednesday. The White House indicated the website's early launch is standard practice to troubleshoot. For more information <https://tinyurl.com/mr2aaw62>.

Support for Delaware Hospitals During the Latest COVID Surge

Delaware Hospitals are in need of help during the current COVID-19 crisis. Unprecedented volumes of COVID-19 patients have placed a significant strain on hospital staff and resources. The Delaware Healthcare Association needs help to support the hardworking health care workers at our hospitals. Please sign up if you are interested in working or volunteering to support Delaware hospitals through this crisis. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2s4c7yxn>.

DPH Laboratory Breaks Ground on Expansion

The Delaware Public Health Laboratory (DPHL) will nearly double in size to increase the capacity for routine and outbreak testing to accommodate advanced technical laboratory staff and the infectious disease epidemiology program. State leaders held a groundbreaking for the expansion on the property of the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services' Hospital for the Chronically Ill, located on Sunnyside Road in Smyrna. The 40-person Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program will relocate from Dover. The facility will remain operational throughout the expansion process, and most work is anticipated to be completed by summer 2023. For more information <https://tinyurl.com/58tzpdv3>.

CDC Updates Mask Guidance Emphasizing Protection, Fit, Comfort

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last week clarified its recommendation on various kinds of masks used for the prevention of transmission of SARS-CoV-2. The CDC indicated that cloth masks frequently worn by Americans do not offer as much protection as surgical masks or respirators. Well-fitting disposable surgical masks and KN95s are more protective than all cloth masks, and well-fitting respirators, including N95s, offer the highest level of protection. Wearing a highly protective mask or respirator may be most important for certain higher-risk situations, or by some people at increased risk for severe disease. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/bmswmxup>.

Registration for 2022 AMPAC Candidate Workshop is now open

The Candidate Workshop is designed to help you make the leap from the exam room to the campaign trail and give you the skills and strategic approach you will need to make a run for public office. The Virtual Candidate Workshop will be conducted over the course of two consecutive weekends: March 12-13 and 19-20 at 11:00 am EST. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p99vauh>.

Affinity Partner Dealmed Provides Medical Supplies

Healthcare providers continue to seek reliable PPE in the workplace to help protect themselves from COVID-19 and the highly contagious Omicron variant. Dealmed Medical Supplies, an Affinity partner with MSD, can be that reliable source in providing healthcare providers with the necessary PPE.

Dealmed Medical Supplies is an independent manufacturer/distributor of medical supplies, injectables, equipment, and PPE. With our distribution center being conveniently located in central New Jersey, we have been able to assist many customers in the area (and beyond) with fast access and delivery of crucial supplies. Please contact Sonja Baggett to discuss how Dealmed can be a great option for much needed supplies. She can be reached at 302-766-2124 or sbaggett@dealmed.com.