Happy Thanksgiving!

MSD Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. MSD staff wishes you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday.

DPH Encourages Flu Vaccine as Cases Have Increased Statewide

Flu cases in Delaware soared to 1,404 laboratory confirmed cases as of November 12, according to the Division of Public Health (DPH). Of the total number of flu cases, 598 were reported between November 6 and 12. To find vaccine sites, use DPH’s Flu Vaccine Finder at flu.delaware.gov. DPH launched its flu dashboard on My Healthy Community earlier this month. The flu dashboard will share the state’s weekly and seasonal data on positive cases, hospitalizations, deaths, and for the first time, vaccinations. Updates will occur weekly on Thursdays for local data, and monthly for other geographies. Access the flu dashboard at https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/home.

Certified Medical Office Manager Course Coming to Dover

Are you currently a Practice Management and want to be recognized for your extensive practice knowledge? Interested in training to become a Practice Manager? THIS IS THE COURSE FOR YOU! MSD in partnership with The Practice Management Institute is bringing the Certified Medical Office Manager (CMOM) course to Dover, DE. The CMOM course teaches practical administrative skills that lead to improved communication with providers, third-party payers, patients, and business associates. Learn guidelines and examples that will improve decision-making and tactical skills. Graduates of this program will be better prepared to manage risk, motivate employees and improve the financial outlook in a medical office. For much more information and to register, visit https://reg.planetreg.com/CMOMDOVER2023. Seating is limited!

Mandatory Reporting Training for Medical Professionals

Delaware law requires that, in order for medical professionals to renew their license, they must attest that they have completed training on:

- how to recognize child sexual and physical abuse, exploitation and domestic violence
- your reporting obligations under the Medical Practice Act and Regulatory Provisions Concerning Public Health

The 2023 Mandatory Reporting Training for Medical Professionals will be available on January 1, 2023, and features videos from professionals within the child welfare field that walk participants through how to detect and respond to child abuse and neglect. Licensed physicians must take the 2023 Mandatory Reporting training even if they recently completed mandatory reporting training. This training must be completed before every medical license renewal. Physicians are required to attest to completing the training on their renewal application. Failure to do so will delay the renewal of the medical license. This training is provided by the Office of the Child Advocate. To complete the training on or after January 1, 2023, go to https://stateofdelaware.csod.com/default.aspx?c=courts-oca to create an account. If you already have an account, just click the “login in” icon and sign in User ID and Password. Once training is completed, medical professionals can then reapply for licensure through the Division of Professional Regulation’s website at https://delpros.delaware.gov/Oh_HomePage.

MSD 2023 Membership Renewal Period Begins

The 2023 membership renewals have been prepared for all current members. We are pleased to inform you that 2023 membership renewal rates have remained the same with no increase. MSD has worked hard on your behalf and has expanded its reach to include environmental health and diversity, equity, and inclusion concerns. Your 2023 membership renewal can be completed online by logging into the MSD website or by providing payment over the phone or through the mail. All individual 2023 membership renewals are due by January 2, 2023. Please contact MSD Membership Manager Michelle Seymour with any questions at (302) 224-4905 or Michelle.Seymour@medsocdel.org.

Monkeypox Cases Gradually Decline

Only two new monkeypox (MPX) cases were reported to the Division of Public Health (DPH) between October 14 and November 16. As of November 18, DPH received reports of 43 MPX cases: 29 in New Castle County, five in Kent County, and nine in Sussex County. In the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 29,080 MPX cases as of November 18. Visit de.gov/monkeypox for more information about MPX vaccination for at-risk individuals and health care workers who provide direct patient care to confirmed or suspected MPX cases. Email questions to DPHCall@delaware.gov.