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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.

### MSD MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE

Please change your records to our new mailing address effective immediately: Medical Society of Delaware PO Box 8155 Newark, DE 19714.

### MSD IS ON FACEBOOK "Like"

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## DPH Interim Director's Message to Physicians

The Division of Public Health (DPH) Interim Director, Rick Hong, MD, has asked MSD to share an important message on bivalent boosters with the membership. DPH is significantly concerned about the low uptake of bivalent boosters in our state. Currently, only 14.9% of the eligible population has received one; and more concerning, less than half of the vulnerable 65+ population (40%). In his message, Dr. Hong shares the newest findings of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in their latest MMWR and included in the DPH Health Alert Network notification (refer to the following article) regarding the importance of the COVID-19 bivalent booster in protecting against the disease. To read the directors full message visit <https://tinyurl.com/ydwy3rye>.

## DPH Health Advisory

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) issued a health advisory to Delaware physicians on the effectiveness of bivalent mRNA vaccines in preventing symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection. Monovalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccines were less effective against symptomatic infection during the period of SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant predominance. In this study of vaccine effectiveness of the U.S.-authorized bivalent mRNA booster formulations, bivalent boosters provided significant additional protection against symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection in persons who had previously received two, three, or four monovalent vaccine doses. Due to waning immunity of monovalent doses, the benefit of the bivalent booster increased with time since receipt of the most recent monovalent vaccine dose. All persons should stay up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations, including bivalent booster doses for eligible persons. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ms7z866u>.

## Certified Medical Office Manager Course Coming to Dover

Are you currently a Practice Manager 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](https://delpros.delaware.gov/OH_HomePage).

## Novitas Event Participation Process Changing January 1, 2023

Effective January 1, 2023, you will no longer use the Novitas learning management system (LMS) to register within the Novitas Learning Center (NLC) for live webinars. Participants no longer need an NLC account to register or participate in our events. You will continue to visit the Novitas Event Calendar for the full listing of available events. Completion certificates will be accessed via the MyCEUCertificate Gateway tool located on the Novitas website under the Education & Training center. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/yu5e4855>.