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COVID-19 UPDATES

Personal Protective Equipment Guidance

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) has issued a health advisory with guidance regarding the level of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when treating or assessing suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients.

After review of the recent guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO), recommendations from other state health departments, and discussion with subject matter experts in Delaware, DPH will support the interim guidance issued on February 27, 2020, by the WHO regarding the rational use of personal protective equipment for COVID-19 in health care and community settings.

[Read full PPE Health Advisory.](#)

Commercial Laboratory Testing Available for COVID-19

COVID-19 testing is now available from at least one commercial laboratory, with additional laboratories expected

to begin offering testing over the next several days. Testing is still available through the DPH Laboratory.

Use only synthetic fiber swabs with plastic shafts. Do not use calcium alginate swabs or swabs with wooden shafts, as they may contain substances that inactivate some viruses and inhibit PCR testing. Place swabs immediately into sterile tubes containing 2-3 ml of viral transport media. NP and OP specimens may be kept in separate vials or combined at collection into a single vial.

[Read full Laboratory Testing Health Advisory](#)

Fake Online Coronavirus Information

A malicious website pretending to be the live map for COVID-19 Global Cases by John Hopkins University is circulating on the internet (corona-virus-map[dot]com).

Visiting the website infects the user with the AZORuIt trojan, an information stealing program, which can exfiltrate a variety of sensitive information.

[Read more.](#)

For more information and resources regarding COVID-19, MSD has created a Coronavirus resource page on our website. [View resource page.](#)

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