

Medical Society of Delaware

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COVID-19 UPDATES

In an effort to keep Delaware's medical community current on the latest information regarding the coronavirus crisis, the Medical Society of Delaware is sharing the following:

ChristianaCare Offers COVID-19 Testing Provider Referral Center

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Beginning today, ChristianaCare will be offering COVID-19 testing at their **Provider Referral Center**, located at the HealthCare Center of Christiana (HCCC), 200 Hygeia Drive, Newark. The Center will be open from noon to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, and will operate weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. thereafter.

This is NOT a walk-in facility. Only patients referred by their provider and in possession (physically or electronically) of a testing order will be tested. Patients will need to arrive at the HCCC testing site with their ID and insurance card as well.

Orders must be for COVID-19 testing and include an appropriate diagnosis code. Please see <u>COVID19 Coding Diagnosis and Billing Instructions</u>.

Read more.

HHS Office of Civil Rights Relaxes HIPAA Restrictions for Telemedicine

In light of the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency, the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is exercising its enforcement discretion and, effective immediately, <u>will not impose penalties on physicians using telehealth in the event of noncompliance with the regulatory requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).</u>

Physicians may seek to communicate with patients and provide telehealth services through remote communications technologies. Some of these technologies, and their use, may not fully comply with the requirements of the HIPAA Rules. <u>Read more</u>.

Read Medicare Telehealth Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

View AMA Quick Guide to Telemedicine in Practice

Preparedness Steps for Specialists

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, MSD has highlighting some everyday health and preparedness steps that specialists can take to protect patients and staff. <u>Read more</u>.

Greenhill Pharmacy Offers Free Hand Sanitizer to Physicians

Wilmington-based Greenhill Pharmacy has reached out to MSD to offer 16 oz spray bottles with hand sanitizer for practices in need. in an effort to help Delaware's physicians, Greenhill Pharmacy is offering this **free** to practices! The hand sanitizer is commercial grade and approved for medical use. If interested, please contact Greenhill Pharmacy at 302-660-8847. Thank you Jay C. Patel, PharmD for your generosity.

DPH Announces Additional Positive COVID-19 Cases

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is announcing eight additional positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) bringing the statewide total to 16.

Seven of the eight individuals are New Castle County residents, and one is the first reported case in Sussex County. Four of these individuals are males, and four are females. All but one is self-isolating at home; one in New Castle County is hospitalized. Six of the seven New Castle County residents participated in the ChristianaCare Health System drive through testing event. Read more.

For more information and resources regarding COVID-19, MSD has created a coronavirus resource page on our website. <u>View resource page</u>.

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