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COVID-19 UPDATES

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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:

Six New COVID-19 Cases Reported in Delaware

Delaware now has 45 COVID-19 cases in all three counties in Delaware since March 11. This includes six additional cases since yesterday. Of the Delawareans diagnosed with COVID-19, 32 are from New Castle County, five are from Kent County, and eight are from Sussex County. The individuals range in age from 14 to 80. Five individuals are currently hospitalized; two are critically ill. [Read more.](#)

STRATEGIES FOR OPTIMIZING THE SUPPLY OF PPE

As health care professionals around the country are experiencing extreme shortages in personal protective equipment (PPE), the Delaware Health Alert Network (HAN) released strategies recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for optimizing the supply of PPEs. The recommendations are for conventional capacity, contingency capacity, and crisis capacity.

[Read Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE - Eye Protection](#)
[Read Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE - Isolation Gowns](#)
[Read Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE - Facemasks](#)
[Read Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE - Respirators](#)

DPH Procedures to Request Personal Protective Equipment

MSD has received many questions about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and where to find replenishments. DPH has supplied the following resources to help physicians obtain more supplies.

[PPE Request Policy and Procedures](#)
[State Health Operations Center \(SHOC\) Resource Request Form](#)

Governor Closes Delaware Beaches

After a visit to inspect Delaware's beaches yesterday, Governor Carney has modified his emergency declaration to close Delaware's beaches. The public is prohibited from accessing the beaches, except to exercise or walk their dogs where dogs are permitted. Local officials may choose to enact tighter restrictions. These modifications go into effect at 5 p.m. tonight, March 21, and will last until May 15, or until the public health threat of COVID-19 has been eliminated. [Watch MSNBC interview.](#) [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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