

COVID-19 UPDATES 3-24-2020

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:

Delaware Surpasses One Hundred COVID-19 Cases

Delaware now has 104 total laboratory-confirmed cases since March 11. This includes 17 additional cases since Monday. Of the Delawareans diagnosed with COVID-19, 71 are from New Castle County, 10 are from Kent County, and 23 are from Sussex County. The individuals range in age from 1 to 90. Eleven are currently hospitalized; five are critically ill. Read more.

DPH Conference Call with Physicians & Practice Managers - TOMORROW

Thank you to everyone who participated in the conference calls with the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH). These calls have been very well attended. The links to prior calls are below.

Listen to 3-17-2020 Conference Call Listen to 3-18-2020 Conference Call Listen to 3-19-2020 Conference Call Listen to 3-23-2020 Conference Call

Tomorrow, **Wednesday**, **March 25 at 6:00 p.m**, there will be an operator-assisted call with DPH to answer questions you might have. This call is for physicians and practice managers. **Dial 866-506-4188** to access the call.

DPH has requested physicians and practice managers submit advance questions. After answering submitted questions, the call will be opened to any further unanswered questions.

During the Question & Answer portion of the call:

Press *1 to ask a question.

Press # to remove the question from the question queue.

Please submit your questions by 3:00 pm Wednesday March 25

SUBMIT QUESTIONS

Greenhill Pharmacy Offers Free Hand Sanitizer to Physicians

Wilmington-based Greenhill Pharmacy has provided more than 100 physicians in Delaware with free 16 oz spray bottles of hand sanitizer since MSD announced this offer a week ago! The pharmacy will soon begin extending the opportunity to patients, but would like all physicians in need to receive some first. 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 and continued follow up with us!

AMA Releases Special COVID-19 Coding Advice

The American Medical Association (AMA) has put together a special resource with coding advice based on different scenarios physicians have been experiencing. This resource includes a variety of telehealth situations, testing visits, and check-ins. There is also a <u>quick-reference flowchart</u> that outlines CPT reporting for COVID-19 testing. <u>View scenarios</u>. <u>View full resource page</u>.

REMS Requirements Update

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently released an updated policy regarding Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) requirements during the COVID-19 crisis. Read more.

Delaware Unemployment Guidance

The Medical Society of Delaware has received many questions regarding unemployment during the COVID-19 crisis. MSD's Physicians Relations Department has compiled some helpful unemployment guidance for Delawareans. Read more.

Free Telemedicine Webinar

Tomorrow, **Wednesday, March 25** from noon - 1:00 p.m., a free telemedicine webinar by Quality Insights will be held for interested physicians and practice managers. The webinar will help:

- Describe the waived Medicare telehealth restrictions
- Identify technology options that can be used to provide telehealth services during the emergency
- Discover ways to operationalize new workflows into practice operations
- Get resources for billing and coding telehealth services

To register.

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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