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# COVID-19 UPDATE

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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:*

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### **Governor Restricts Gatherings, Tightens Restrictions on Public Businesses**

Governor John Carney has issued a ninth modification to his State of Emergency declaration. The order limits public gatherings like weddings and funerals to 10 people and requires businesses that are still open to:

- Allow no more than 20 percent of stated fire capacity in the store at any given time – and no more than 10 percent during exclusive hours for high-risk populations.
- Clearly mark six-foot spacing in check-out lines and other high-traffic areas, including outside.
- Discontinue any self-serve foods, or product sampling.
- Designate staff to enforce the number of people coming into the store and enforce limits.

[Read more.](#)

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### **DPH Announces 1 Additional Death, 49 Additional Cases**

According to the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), Delaware has one new fatality related to COVID-19, bringing the state total to 11. The deceased is an 84-year-old male from Sussex County who was hospitalized and had significant underlying health conditions. To date Delaware has 368 confirmed cases, 226 in New Castle County, 41 in Kent County, and 101 in Sussex County. There are 51 COVID-19 patients hospitalized, and 13 critically ill. [Read more.](#)

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# Guidance from Delaware Insurance Payers

MSD has receiving many questions about reimbursement for telemedicine visits. While the information is still being sorted out regarding reimbursement, MSD's Physician Relations Department has created an information reference sheet with helpful details from Delaware's major payers for physicians and practice managers. [Read more.](#)

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## DPH Conference Call to Focus on Insurance Questions

The next operator-assisted conference call for physicians and practice managers with the Division of Public Health will be tomorrow, **Thursday, April 2** at 6:00 p.m. This call will include Insurance Commissioner Trinidad Navarro to help answer your questions focused on telehealth and insurance. Please call **866-506-4188**. If you would like to submit a question for DPH, please do so by 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 2. [Submit questions.](#)

3-31-2020 Conference Call - [Click here to listen.](#)  
[Read Updated FAQ](#)

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## MSD Docs Featured in Telemedicine Article

MSD primary care physicians **James M. Gill, MD** and **Kristine B. Diehl, MD** were featured today in an article in the *News Journal*. Both physicians gave time out of their day to explain the ups and downs of using telemedicine during the coronavirus crisis. [Read article.](#)

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## COVID-19 Observations from the Front Lines

MSD recently heard from one of our members who shared a colleague's "front line" observations of treating COVID-19 patients in an Emergency Department. The notes and observations are raw and unedited, but powerful. We thank this author, who wishes to remain anonymous, for sharing this with us. [Read more.](#)

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*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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