

COVID-19 UPDATE 4-10-2020

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:

DPH Announces 117 New COVID-19 Cases and Nine Additional Deaths

According to the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH),117 new Delawareans have been diagnosed with COVID-19, taking the total number of lab-confirmed cases to 1,326, including 181 who are hospitalized, 48 of whom are critically ill. Delaware had eight additional fatalities.

Thirty-two individuals have died due to COVID-19 in Delaware. The most recent individuals who died all had underlying health conditions, including a:

- 69-year-old female from New Castle County, hospitalized
- 87-year-old female from New Castle County, long-term care
- 88-year-old female from New Castle County, long-term care
- 89-year-old female from New Castle County, long-term care
- 89-year-old female from New Castle County, long-term care
- 94-year-old female from New Castle County, long-term care
- 61-year-old male from Sussex County, hospitalized
- 69-year-old female from Sussex County, long-term care
- 82-year-old female from Sussex County, long-term care

There are now 19 care facilities in Delaware that have reported a total of 97 positive COVID-19 cases involving residents/patients or staff. The 14 facilities with multiple positives cases are:

- Little Sisters of the Poor, Newark
- HarborChase of Wilmington
- Governor Bacon Health Center, Delaware City
- Forwood Manor, Wilmington
- Parkview Nursing and Rehab Center, Wilmington
- Country House, Wilmington

- MeadowWood Behavioral Health Hospital, New Castle
- Atlantic Shores Rehab and Health Center, Millsboro
- · Genesis HealthCare Milford Center, Milford
- Brandywine Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, New Castle
- · Delaware Hospital for the Chronically III, Smyrna
- Shipley Manor, Wilmington
- New Castle Health and Rehabilitation, New Castle
- Delaware Psychiatric Center, New Castle

Read more.

\$30 Billion CARES Act Money to be Disbursed Immediately to Health Care

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the immediate disbursement of the first \$30 billion out of the \$100 billion that Congress allocated to hospitals, physicians and other health care providers in the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

This initial \$30 billion is being directed to hospitals and physician practices in direct proportion to their share of Medicare fee-for-service spending. Payments will arrive via direct deposit to eligible providers. These are payments, not loans, to healthcare providers, and will not need to be repaid. Read more.

Governor Issues Guidance on Worship

Governor Carney released new guidance from the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) on worship services. Delawareans are urged to celebrate the holiday weekend only with their immediate family members to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Houses of worship must, whenever possible, conduct their activities from home or through remote audio or video services. No more than 10 individuals — including clergy, staff, and participants — may be present inside a religious facility during any service. Read more.



Bayhealth Sets Up ED Tents in Prep for Overflow

Bayhealth has announced that Emergency Department overflow tents have been set up

outside the Emergency Departments at Bayhealth Hospitals, Kent and Sussex Campuses. This was done in an effort to help better prepare for a possible surge of patients due to COVID-19 and keep those patients seeking emergency care for other illnesses and injuries separated and safe. 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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