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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:

DPH Announces 248 New COVID-19 Cases and Nine Additional Deaths

According to the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), **248** new Delawareans have been diagnosed with COVID-19, taking the total number of lab-confirmed cases to **2,323**, including **224** who are hospitalized, **64** of whom are critically ill.

Sixty-one individuals have died due to COVID-19 in Delaware with ages ranging from 33 to 98 years old..

The most recent deaths involved:

- 73-year-old male from New Castle County, hospitalized
- 74-year-old male from New Castle County, long-term care facility
- 83-year-old male from New Castle County, long-term care facility
- 85-year-old male from New Castle County, hospitalized long-term care resident
- 90-year-old male from New Castle County, long-term care facility
- 46-year-old male from Sussex County, no known underlying health conditions
- 80-year-old male from Sussex County, long-term care facility
- 98-year-old female from Sussex County, long-term care facility
- 91-year-old female from Sussex County, long-term care facility

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Blood Bank of Delmarva Calls for Plasma

Donations from Recovered COVID-19 Patients

The Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) is calling for recovered COVID-19 patients to donate blood plasma to help treat other patients with advanced illness. The convalescent plasma treatment transfuses the patient with the donor's plasma with the goal of using the donor's antibodies to help clear the virus more rapidly.

Donors must have tested positive for COVID-19 and be symptom-free for 14 days. One donation can be used to treat two to three patients struggling with severe cases of COVID-19. Interested donors can sign up at www.delmarvablood.org/cpdonor.

Free Confidential Support Hotline for Physicians

A grassroots organization made up of 500+ volunteer psychiatrists is providing free and confidential peer support during the COVID-19 pandemic to physicians. The support line is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. - midnight. **1-888-409-0141**. [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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