



Medical Society of Delaware
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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:

Congress Reaches Deal on \$484 Billion Coronavirus Bill

The United States Congress reached a deal Tuesday on a nearly \$500 billion interim coronavirus bill that includes \$60 billion in loans and grants for the Small Business Administration's disaster relief fund, \$75 billion for hospitals and \$25 billion for coronavirus testing.

The interim proposal includes more than \$320 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program, which was created by the coronavirus stimulus package passed late last month and provides forgivable loans to small businesses that keep their employees on payroll. The Senate passed the bill today, and House members are expected to return to Washington for a vote Thursday. President Trump is expected to sign the bill by the end of the week. [Read more.](#)

DPH Announces 186 New COVID-19 Cases and Ten Additional Deaths

According to the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), **186** new Delawareans have been diagnosed with COVID-19, taking the total number of lab-confirmed cases to **2,931**, including **263** who are hospitalized, **71** of whom are critically ill.

Eighty-two individuals have died due to COVID-19 in Delaware with ages ranging from 32 to 103 years old. The most recent deaths all involved individuals with underlying health conditions including:

- 73-year-old male from New Castle County, long-term care facility
- 79-year-old male from New Castle County, hospitalized

- 79-year-old male from New Castle County, hospitalized long-term care resident
- 84-year-old female from New Castle County, hospitalized
- 51-year-old female from Kent County, hospitalized
- 32-year-old female from Sussex County, hospitalized
- 71-year-old female from Sussex County, hospitalized long-term care resident
- 78-year-old female from Sussex County, long-term care facility
- 92-year-old female from Sussex County, long-term care facility
- 103-year-old female from Sussex County, long-term care facility

The latest Delaware COVID-19 case statistics cumulatively since March 11 include:

- New Castle County cases: 1,303
- Kent County cases: 459
- Sussex County cases: 1,139
- Unknown County: 30
- Age range: 0 to 103

[Read more.](#)

Governor Carney Answers Questions About Economy, Potential Reopening Timeline

Delaware Governor John Carney addressed reporters today about key issues facing the First State, including the State budget, and the potential timeline for reopening Delaware after the COVID-19 State of Emergency order and modifications. [Watch press briefing.](#)

MSD Subsidiary *MSDIS* is Here to Help

During this challenging time, medical malpractice carriers have been providing support to their clients. Carriers are offering a variety of assistance from payment deferments, reduction in practice hours and even considering the reduction in your revenues. Each carrier has their own specific process that needs to be followed in order to apply for this relief.

The Medical Society of Delaware Insurance Services, Inc. (MSDIS) is here to help. If you have questions or need assistance in completing the process, please contact Sharon Ruth at sharon.ruth@usi.com or call 302-293-1576.

In Other News...

The American Lung Association's 2020 "State of the Air" report found the Philadelphia-Reading-Camden, PA-NJ-DE-MD metro area, which includes Delaware's New Castle and Kent Counties, ranked as the 12th most polluted city in the nation for its year-round average levels of fine particle pollution and

as the 23rd most polluted for days with high levels of ozone smog. [Read more.](#)
[Read cleanest cities list.](#)
[Read most polluted cities list.](#)

CBS 3's Ukee Washington Pays Tribute to Area Health Care Heroes

In our continued effort to bring you something uplifting, funny, or lighter than the heavy COVID-19 information we communicate daily, we share this impressive and touching video with music performed by Delaware resident and CBS 3 Eyewitness News This Morning anchor Ukee Washington. We challenge you not to get choked up! [Watch video.](#)

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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