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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 134 New COVID-19 Cases and Eight Additional Deaths

According to the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), **134** new Delawareans have been diagnosed with COVID-19, taking the total number of lab-confirmed cases to **3,442**, including **277** who are hospitalized, **63** of whom are critically ill.

One hundred 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.

- 58-year-old female from New Castle County, hospitalized long-term care resident
- 69-year-old male from New Castle County, hospitalized
- 71-year-old male from New Castle County, hospitalized
- 96-year-old female from New Castle County, long-term care facility
- 102-year-old male from New Castle County, long-term care facility
- 54-year-old female from Sussex County, long-term care facility
- 79-year-old female from Sussex County, hospitalized
- 87-year-old male from Sussex County, hospitalized

[Read more.](#)

Gov. Carney Updates State about COVID-19 Closes Schools Through Academic Year

During his biweekly press conference today, Delaware John Carney addressed key issues of interest, including the COVID-19 testing, potentials for reopening

the state, challenges facing Sussex County, and the closure of Delaware's schools for the remainder of the school year. [Read more on school closings](#). [Watch press conference](#).

Latest PPP Funding Expected to Disappear Quickly

The first round of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was gone in a flash, so now many Delaware employers are worried the second round of PPP will disappear just as quickly. The next batch of PPP applications are being accepted starting Monday. [Read more](#).

DPH / Physician Conference Call Scheduled Submit Your Questions

The next Division of Public Health (DPH) operator-assisted conference call will be held **Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m** DPH will be answering pre-submitted questions, as well as live questions, posed by physicians and practice managers. To avoid duplication of previously answered questions, please review the recently updated Medical Society of Delaware [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#). [Submit Question](#). Call-in number - **1-866-408-1899**.

If you missed this week's call, [click here to listen](#).

Bayhealth / ChristianaCare Using Plasma Therapy on COVID-19 Patients

Bayhealth and ChristianaCare, two of the state's largest health care systems, are now using plasma donated by recovered COVID-19 patients to treat active COVID-19 patients. Convalescent plasma therapy involves transferring antibodies from one individual to a blood-matched recipient in order to fight an infection. Both hospitals systems have partnered with the Blood Bank of Delmarva to promote and receive donations. ChristianaCare recently treated their first COVID-19 patient using convalescent plasma therapy. [Read more from Bayhealth](#). [Read more from ChristianaCare](#).

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MSD members are afforded a 7 day review period from the date of this publication to comment regarding an applicant applying for membership. Please contact Mary LaJudice at (302) 224-5183 or Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org with any questions or concerns.

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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