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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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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