



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:

Governor Carney Declares Sussex County a "Hot Spot"

Governor John Carney has declared Sussex County a COVID-19 hot spot and announced an initial schedule for the State of Delaware's *Coordination and Care* community testing sites. Testing and outreach will occur in several Sussex County communities that are at the center of Delaware's COVID-19 epidemic

Testing is designed to reach those with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, those living or working with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, family members or housemates of those working in the poultry industry, and those with chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, hypertension, or compromised immune systems.

The State of Delaware and its partners tested more than 750 individuals last week during the first expansion of COVID-19 community testing in Sussex County. More than 35% of test results at the community testing events were positive for COVID-19.

Sussex County Community Testing Sites:

- Hosted by Beebe Healthcare in the parking lot between JD Shuckers and the Veteran's Administration off of Rt. 404 in Georgetown: **Wednesday, April 29 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
- Hosted by Bayhealth at the DHSS State Services Center in Milford located at 253 NE Front Street: **Thursday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
- Hosted by Beebe Healthcare in the parking lot between JD Shuckers and the Veteran's Administration off of Rt. 404 in Georgetown: **Friday, May 1 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

- Hosted by Bayhealth at the DHSS State Services Center in Milford located at 253 NE Front Street: **Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
- Hosted by Beebe Healthcare in the parking lot between JD Shuckers and the Veteran's Administration off of Rt. 404 in Georgetown: **Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
- Hosted by Bayhealth at the DHSS State Services Center in Milford located at 253 NE Front Street: **Monday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

[Read more.](#)

Governor Carney Answers Questions About COVID-19 in Delaware

Delaware Governor Carney held a press conference today to address questions about COVID-19 and the growing concern in Sussex County, as well as the new mandatory face mask order. [Watch press conference.](#)

DPH Announces 413 New Positive Cases / Twelve Additional Deaths

According to the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) **413** new Delawareans have been diagnosed with COVID-19, taking the total number of lab-confirmed cases to **4,575**, including **337** who are hospitalized, **60** of whom are critically ill.

One hundred thirty-seven individuals have died due to COVID-19 in Delaware with ages ranging from 32 to 103 years old. The most recent deaths announced today ranged in age from 60 to 101. Six were New Castle County residents, five were Sussex County residents, and one involved an unknown county of residence at this time. **Eighty-six** of the deaths involved residents from long-term care facilities.

Latest statistics on positive cases:

- New Castle County cases: 1,701
- Kent County cases: 728
- Sussex County cases: 2,114
- Unknown County: 32
- Males: 2,083; Females: 2,456; Unknown: 36
- Age range: 0 to 103

[Read more.](#)

MSD Joins Coalition Supporting Protections for Health Care Professionals

During COVID-19

MSD along with the medical societies of the Mid-Atlantic region joined together to issue a statement strongly urging action to promote safe working conditions for physicians and other health care professionals engaged in patient care.

The statement, among other things, urges local authorities to ensure an adequate supply and distribution of PPE for every frontline health care professional, supports the American Medical Association (AMA) statement allowing the use of private PPE when other safe options do not exist, and supports physicians and other healthcare professionals to appropriately decide that publicly sharing experiences, expertise, concerns, and opinions (including to the news media and on social media) may help achieve needed protections for the health and safety of patients and clinicians and should occur without risk of punishment. [Read more.](#)

Cast Your Vote for *Delaware Today's* "TOP DOCTOR"

Who are the best physicians in Delaware? Which doctors would you recommend to a loved one? *Delaware Today* wants your votes for *Delaware Today's "Top Doctors 2020"* issue. Nominate your colleagues in this unique peer survey. All voting physicians must be licensed in Delaware and all nominees must practice in Delaware. The ballot closes May 17th. For questions please email Melissa Jacobs at mjacobs@todaymediainc.com. [Cast your vote.](#)



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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