



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:

DPH Announces 80 New COVID-19 Cases, 6 New Hospitalizations

According to the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), 80 new Delawareans have been diagnosed with COVID-19, taking the total number of lab-confirmed cases to 673, including 6 new hospitalizations across the state. No new fatalities were reported today in Delaware.

Current Delaware COVID-19 statistics:

- 673 total laboratory-confirmed cases
- New Castle County cases: 436
- Kent County cases: 86
- Sussex County cases: 151
- Males: 308; Females: 365
- Age range: 1 to 97
- Currently hospitalized: 101; Critically ill: 25
- Delawareans recovered: 71

DPH Receives 5,000 Rapid COVID-19 Test Kits

Division of Public Health (DPH) Lab has received a shipment of 5,000 rapid test kits this weekend. The kits, which use blood drawn by a finger stick instead of collecting a nasal swab, will be used primarily to test health care workers, first responders, and residents of long-term care facilities where outbreaks are suspected. Results can be provided in 5 to 15 minutes.

[Read more.](#)

DHSS Ending All Walk-in Access to Public Offices

As a precaution against potential risk for clients and Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) employees, DHSS is ending all walk-in access to its public offices beginning Monday, April 6, 2020. Client needs will be met in person by appointment only, or through phone, email, or online interactions, except for crisis services, emergency cases, or for people without phone or computer access.

Outreach efforts such as the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health's (DSAMH) Mobile Crisis Services, the Division of Social Services' Community Partner Support Unit, and the Office of Animal Welfare's animal control services are continuing. Appointments through DSAMH already scheduled are still expected to occur through telehealth or in person as needed. Admissions and discharges to DHSS' 24/7 facilities also will continue as needed.

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HHS Alert: Individual Posing as an OCR Investigator

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), an individual posing as an Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Investigator has contacted HIPAA covered entities in an attempt to obtain protected health information (PHI). The individual identifies themselves on the telephone as an OCR investigator, but does not provide an OCR complaint transaction number or any other verifiable information relating to an OCR investigation.

HIPAA covered entities and business associates should alert their workforce members, and can take action to verify that someone is an OCR investigator by asking for the investigator's email address, which will end in **@hhs.gov**, and asking for a confirming email from the OCR investigator's hhs.gov email address.

[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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