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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:*

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### **DPH Announces 110 New COVID-19 Cases, 39 New Hospitalizations, 1 Additional Death**

According to the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), 110 new Delawareans have been diagnosed with COVID-19, taking the total number of lab-confirmed cases to 783, including 39 new hospitalizations across the state. Delaware had one additional fatality, an 84-year-old male from Kent County who had underlying health conditions. Individuals who have died from COVID-19 ranged in age from 66 to 94 years old.

Current Delaware COVID-19 statistics:

- 783 total laboratory-confirmed cases
- New Castle County cases: 496
- Kent County cases: 128
- Sussex County cases: 159
- Males: 356; Females: 415; Unknown: 12
- Age range: 1 to 97
- Currently hospitalized: 140; Critically ill: 25
- Delawareans recovered: 71

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### **Alternate Care Sites Announced**

The Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) and the State Health Operations Center (SHOC) have announced the designation of alternative care sites (ACS) in New Castle County to accommodate overflow patients from Delaware hospital systems as they begin to experience a surge in patients with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Sites for the southern part of the state

are expected to be announced later this week.

The alternate care sites are:

**Governor Bacon Health Center**, the Department of Health and Social Services' long-term care facility in Delaware City. Residents in two units will be transferred, along with their current staff, to the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill in Smyrna. 75 beds will be made available.

**Nemours duPont Hospital for Children** has developed two treatment areas to provide medical care for non-COVID-19 adults. The rehabilitation gym, which is located one floor below the main level and away from pediatric care, has been converted into an alternative care site for low-acuity cases beginning with 38 beds, with possible expansion if needed. A medical intensive care unit will be situated across and separate from the pediatric intensive care unit, and be comprised of 24 beds.

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## **Governor Carney Bans Short-Term Rental Units**

Governor John Carney, an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, has issued the tenth modification to his State of Emergency declaration, banning all short-term rental units – including vacation home rentals, hotels, motels, and condo rentals.

Commercial lodging in Delaware will remain closed through May 15, or until the public health threat is eliminated. The order exempts certain Delawareans and essential workers who may need access to short-term rental units. That list of exemptions includes caretakers with family members nearby, health care providers, journalists, and Delawareans with public housing vouchers.. [Read more.](#)

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## **What You Need to Know About The CARES Act**

The Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Department of Treasury have released information on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. MSD's Physician Relations Department has compiled key information to help you navigate COVID-19 related programs that the SBA is providing, including the Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loans, Emergency Grants, and Small Business Debt Relief. [Read more.](#)

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## **DPH Conference Call with Physicians TOMORROW**

In an effort to answer physician questions about COVID-19, DPH has held seven operator-assisted conference calls during the coronavirus crisis for physicians and their practice managers. The next call is tomorrow, **Tuesday, April 7th** at 6:00 p.m. If you have a question, please submit it before 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday. [Submit question](#). To participate dial **866-506-4188**.

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## Delaware Attorney General Cracks Down on Non-Compliance

In an effort to enforce Governor John Carney's Declarations of a State of Emergency order, Delaware Attorney General Kathy Jennings has taken strict measures to ensure compliance. Some of the enforcement actions to date have included:

- Several individuals have been cited for failure to obey an emergency order, including last week in Newark and elsewhere throughout the state.
- Six businesses have been issued cease and desist orders for operating in violation of the Orders; one business owner was arrested for repeated non-compliance.
- The Department of Justice has received more than two dozen formal complaints regarding price gouging and has initiated communication with those businesses. The Consumer Protection Unit today served a subpoena on the Great Valu at Adams Four related to price gouging allegations after the Department's initial letter went unanswered.
- Officers throughout our State are enforcing the ban on travelers coming to Delaware from out-of-state and not quarantining. For example, Delaware State Police are operating a checkpoint on Naamans Road in Wilmington, inquiring about out-of-state drivers' business in Delaware. Additional checkpoints were conducted throughout Sussex County, including the Route 1 corridor in the area of Rehoboth Beach and Bethany Beach, Route 20 in Long Neck, and Route 113 south of Millsboro.
- The Department of State has sent several warning letters to businesses, informing them that they will be shut down if their behavior does not change.

[Read more](#).

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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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