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 145 New COVID-19 Cases and One Additional Death

According to the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), 145 new Delawareans have been diagnosed with COVID-19, taking the total number of lab-confirmed cases to 928, including 147 who are hospitalized, 52 of whom are critically ill. Delaware had one additional fatality, a 67-year-old male from Sussex County who had underlying health conditions and was hospitalized.

Current Delaware COVID-19 statistics:

- 928 total laboratory-confirmed cases
- New Castle County cases: 571
- Kent County cases: 147
- Sussex County cases: 210
- Males: 415; Females: 497; Unknown: 16
- Age range: 1 to 97
- Currently hospitalized: 147; Critically ill: 52
- Delawareans recovered: 144

Read more.

ChristianaCare to Offer Provider Visits and Monitoring for Adult and Pregnant COVID-19 Patients

ChristianaCare has created a COVID-19 Ambulatory Care Center located at the Health Care Center at Christiana, in Newark. The services currently
Delaware Prepares for Mobile Hospital

The Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) and the State Health Operations Center (SHOC) are preparing for a potential surge of patients in Delaware hospitals by setting up an additional alternate care site (ACS) in the form of a mobile hospital to serve Kent and Sussex Counties. The site will be a collaborative effort between Bayhealth, Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, and Beebe Healthcare.

The Delaware National Guard will provide crucial assistance with preparing, building, and operating this facility. The field hospital was utilized during a 2016 exercise and the Delaware National Guard stands ready to deploy the unit as previously trained. The mobile hospital can potentially treat 50-60 patients who do not have COVID-19. Read more.

Blood Bank of Delmarva to Collect Convalescent Plasma from Recovered COVID-19 Patients

The Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) will be collecting plasma donations from people who have recovered from COVID-19 to treat other patients with advanced COVID-19 infections.

Known as convalescent plasma, the patient is transfused with the donor’s plasma with the goal of using the donor’s antibodies to help clear the virus more rapidly. On March 24 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the collection of plasma from individuals who have recovered from coronavirus to treat seriously ill patients. Read more.

MSD Psychiatrist Offers Stress-Relieving Tips During Coronavirus Crisis

Psychiatrist and MSD member Neil S. Kaye, MD recently shared his advice in a Delaware State News opinion article about managing stress during the coronavirus crisis. Thank you Dr. Kaye for giving your time to write this helpful article. Read article.

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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