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A Call to Action

Often in healthcare, it seems that many things happen at the same time. This is especially true now, as Delaware, the nation, and the world are preparing for and reacting to the ongoing threat of a new disease, while at the same time working to keep those issues important to the health and well-being of all Delawareans at the forefront.

COVID-19. Visit www.delamed.org for additional information, and check out the [Division of Public Health Website](#). Be on the look out for the next issue of the Delaware Journal of Public Health, which will contain a special section on COVID-19.

Delaware State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). Read the Delaware SHIP annual report at www.delawareship.org. As plans move forward for the next cycle of the SHIP process, your input and engagement is needed, as we work together to create a healthier Delaware with equity for all

Attend the **90th Annual Meeting of the Academy/DPHA**. This is our only fundraiser of the year, and our goal for 2020 is \$90,000. These funds will support the new Delaware Chronic Disease Coalition

Learn about the **Delaware Chronic Disease Coalition** by visiting <http://dechronicdiseasecoalition.org>. Get involved at the ground level by using the contact form so that we know who you are and can communicate specific program developments to you directly via email.

Check out our [Facebook](#) page for ongoing updates!



Tim Gibbs, MPH
Executive Director



Kate Smith, MD, MPH
Program Director

May 14, 2020

This year marks the 90th year of the Delaware Academy of Medicine!

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Geoffrey Tabin, co-founder of the Himalayan Cataract Project.

We will welcome S. John Swanson, MD, as our next president of the board, and vote on a new slate of officers and directors. Current board president, Omar Khan, MD, MHS, will close out his two-year term of office by presenting the Lewis B Flinn President's Award; and Executive Director, Timothy Gibbs, MPH, will present the Nonprofit Recognition Award.



[Learn more here!](#) or by visiting delamed.org/2020

COVID-19

On **March 2, 2020**, Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long, Secretary Kara Odom Walker (Delaware Department of Health and Social Services), Dr. Karyl Rattay (Medical Director, Delaware Division of Public Health), and other leaders in the field held a press conference discussing Delaware's response to the Coronavirus.

As partners with DHSS, leadership from the Academy/DPHA (President Dr. Omar Khan, Executive Director Tim Gibbs, and Program Director Dr. Kate Smith) were invited to attend the conference and show support.

Watch the [Press Conference](#)

Resources

Delaware Resources:

- de.gov/coronavirus

From the CDC:

- [Summary of Current Situation](#)
- [Information for Travel](#)
- Information for
 - [Businesses](#)
 - [Pregnant Women and Children](#)
 - [Schools](#)
- [Information for Health Professionals](#)

National News

Continuing Education

APHA's goal is to provide you with easy access to: expanded opportunities to earn continuing education credit online; webinars on relevant topics; links to other resources, meetings and activities that might be of interest.

[Click here for more information.](#)



11th CUGH Conference

April 17 - 20, 2020
Washington, DC

Join over 1,900 faculty, students,
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and leaders from more than 55 countries to explore how we can address the pressing global challenges before us through research, education, service and advocacy. Come and collaborate, learn, and share cutting edge solutions to improve the health of people and the planet in our increasingly unstable, global political environment. Individuals from biomedical and non-biomedical fields are encouraged to attend

this inspiring, dynamic, impactful conference in the US Capitol.

Register and find more information at www.CUGH2020.org

Academy Spotlight

Advisory Council

The advisory committee is composed of professionals in the public health community who are willing to advise, on a volunteer basis, the activities of the Delaware Public Health Association with respect to its role as the state affiliate of the American Public Health Association. In addition, and in the pursuit of collaboration as a member-driven organization, these advisors are in roles spanning a range of areas of expertise and responsibility within their own professions.

[Check out our Advisory Council Here!](#)

Public Health News

Delaware Details Preparations for Potential Spread of COVID-19

DOVER (Feb. 26, 2020) – The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is actively taking steps to prepare for community spread of the coronavirus disease known as COVID-19, as well as providing information to Delawareans about the actions they can take now to make preparations. To date, no one in Delaware has tested positive for COVID-19.



"While the CDC's comments this week indicate heightened concern, it is important to note that we have been making preparations all along to not only contain the spread of the disease, should it occur in Delaware, but also to mitigate the impact of the virus if community spread were to occur," said DPH Director Dr. Karyl Rattay. "As we continue to prepare for the likelihood of community spread in the U.S., we have begun stepping up our planning and preparedness efforts around mitigation strategies recommended by the CDC. In the coming days and weeks we will be having additional conversations with health care providers, schools, businesses and other state partners and stakeholders about what guidance to consider in the event of an outbreak locally."

[Read on...](#)

March is...

Brain Injury Awareness Month

[And Much More!](#)

Additional Resources

Delaware Division of Public Health: [The DPH Bulletin](#)

Trust for America's Health: Wellness and Prevention Digest - [Subscribe](#)

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