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## TIM Talk

The Academy at 90 (what a time to have an anniversary)!

The Delaware Academy of Medicine was founded by sixteen doctors and dentists in 1930. Their goal was to provide a professional library and a meeting place where doctors and dentists from all over the state could gather to exchange ideas and experiences, and so improve the quality and delivery of medical care. They also intended the Academy to be a historical repository for the Delaware medical community, documenting and memorializing the lives of its members. Dr. Flinn served as the Academy's first president, occupying the office for twelve years.



The Delaware Academy of Medicine was first housed in the former Bank of Delaware building, which was built in 1815 on Sixth and Market Streets in Wilmington. When the bank moved to newer quarters in 1931 and the building was left empty, Mrs. Henry B. Thompson and Mrs. Ernest I. duPont led a drive to raise funds to purchase the building for the newly founded Academy. With their help and support, the building was relocated to the current site on Lovering Avenue, and the Academy took up residence there in 1932. In 1958, an addition was constructed, expanding the auditorium and creating more office space for the various medical groups that had their offices in the building.

Fast forward to 2006 when we left Wilmington and moved to our current home at Christiana Hospital in Newark, DE and then to 2013 when we were accepted by the American Public Health Association as Delaware's affiliate to that national organization.

During all of this time, the opening statement of the founding charter rings as true as ever...

*"Medicine, more than any other profession, undergoes constant change..."*

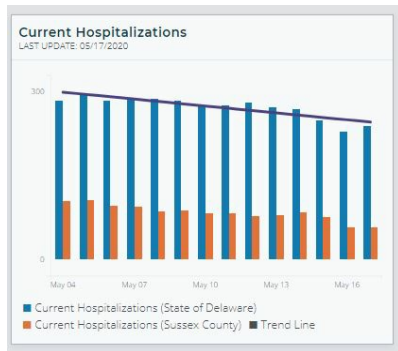
From the very first mention of a new viral outbreak in China, our radar was on high alert – and we are now collectively and globally impacted by COVID-19. We still do not understand the full impact of COVID-19, much less a definitive treatment regimen or protective measures. Again, *"medicine, more than any other profession, undergoes constant change"* is a clarion call to both reality and to why the Academy/DPHA exists.

I am exceptionally proud of my staff colleagues for their adaptation and resilience, and thank them for stepping up to the plate more than ever. We as a staff are grateful to our board of directors and advisory council, and our institutional partners for all that they are doing to support our work, while supporting their own communities each in their own way.

The Academy has been your community partner for 90 years, educating, implementing, partnering, researching, and recognizing the value of the healthcare and public health community. And while we'll have to wait a bit longer to cut the anniversary cake, rest assured that we'll be here and that you'll be invited to celebrate with us.

*Tim Gibbs, MPH, NPM-c; Executive Director*

# COVID-19

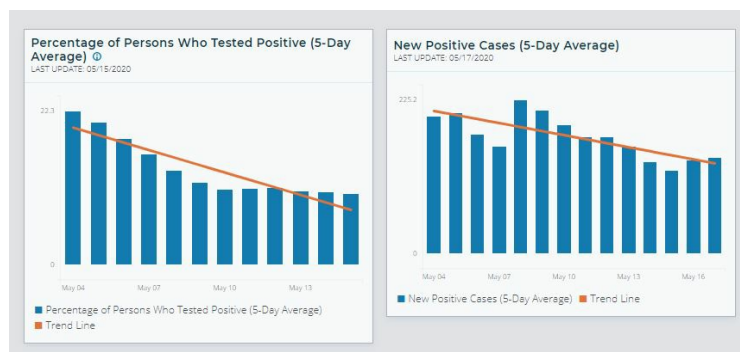


By the end of April, the United States has seen over 1 million cases of COVID-19, and over 67,000 people have died from this new disease ([CDC](#)). The State of Delaware has seen over 7,000 cases, 260 deaths, and over 3,000 people recovered ([DHSS](#)).

We have surpassed all other countries in the number of cases seen within our borders, and health care systems were stressed to breaking points.

On **March 13, 2020**, Governor John Carney declared a [State of Emergency](#), (and updated it several times), and people are adjusting to a new normal of Social Distancing and working from home.

Thanks to these measures, we are now seeing flattening of the curve: newly positive cases and hospitalizations are decreasing. As we prepare to carefully re-open, vigilance is critical as we balance re-starting the economy with disease control measures.



## COVID-19 Resources

Delaware Resources:

- [de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus)

From the CDC:

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

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

- [Coronavirus Front Page](#)

Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH)

- [May 19 COVID Newsletter](#)

Johns Hopkins

- [Resource Center](#)
- Preparedness Pulsepoints Newsletter ([subscribe](#))

National Academies

- [Resources](#)

University of Washington

- [Resources](#)

United States

- [Government Response](#)

## COVID-19 Funding Sources

Booz Allen Foundation

Recently [Booz Allen Foundation](#) has opened a [\\$1 million Innovation Fund](#) to help nonprofits, entrepreneurs, thought leaders, innovators at colleges and universities, and startups and small businesses harness the power of data, technology, and diverse intellectual capital to improve COVID-19 relief efforts and make a difference.

[The Foundation is accepting applications from April 30 through June 5, 2020.](#) Nonprofits can apply for grants of up to \$100,000. Individuals, teams of individuals, and eligible for-profit organizations can apply for microgrants of up to \$10,000. Certain eligibility requirements apply.

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## The Longwood Foundation

the [Longwood Foundation](#) has decided to run a [summer grant cycle](#) (with an application deadline of June 5th) to expedite getting funding out to the community for nonprofits with COVID-19 informed plans and needs. The summer cycle will be held in addition to our scheduled fall grant cycle (with the usual application deadline of September 1<sup>st</sup>).

## Academy Updates

### Public Health Hang Out



The Mid-Atlantic Partnership brings you this weekly forum to discuss a series of topics related to COVID-19 in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

Every Monday at noon, the Mid-Atlantic Partnership brings you information and resources on how public health professionals working from home can support the front lines in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware. So, bring your lunch, your questions and your ideas and a FRIEND!

Registration is required!

[Register here](#)

#### Previous Topics

- Mental & Behavioral Health Resources
- Volunteering / What can I do?
- Food Access
- Housing
- Education (K-12, undergraduate/graduate)

#### Upcoming Topics

- June 1: Interpreting "Phases of Re-Opening"

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## Board Spotlight

Normally, the newsletter is a place to spotlight one board member and their work on different public health topics, but in the time of COVID-19, the staff of the Delaware Academy of Medicine would like to recognize the important work of the entire Board of Directors:

- [Dr. Khan](#) - Assisting with local & global responses to COVID-19, especially new

research initiatives in Delaware; teaching global health and practicing clinical medicine.

- [Dr. Bercaw](#) – Piloting telemedicine in Delaware as part of Family Medicine faculty group, and serving on primary care front lines
- [Dr. Meara](#) – As chair of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, balancing risky exposures with essential patient care.
- [Dr. Eppes](#) and [Dr. Piper](#) – As Pediatric and Adult Infectious Disease specialists, respectively, helping implement cutting edge knowledge about COVID-19 into practice.
- [Mr. Jones](#) – His work as former CEO of the Christiana Care Visiting Nurses Association laid the foundation of home health in the time of COVID-19.
- [Dr. Malhotra](#) and [Dr. Swanson](#) – Kidney Transplant and Nephrology, COVID-19 is impacting all aspects of the body, including the kidneys.
- [Dr. Johnson](#) – Orthopedics. As elective surgeries open up, his leadership as former president of medical staff at Christiana Care and surgical experience will be essential.
- [Dr. Kestner](#) – The former chief of Pulmonary Medicine at Christiana Care. Much of what he put into place is guiding us today as we work to help ventilated patients in the ICU.
- [Dr. Little](#) – Health education and pathology. His leadership in health sciences education helped train the next generation of providers and guides us today.
- [Professor Landgraf](#) – Former DE Cabinet Secretary of Health & Social Services; recalled to the serve the State from her post at the Univ. of DE in this time of crisis.
- [Dr. Kayne](#) – Past president of the Academy and dentist, who was speaking of inflammation and the cytokine storm concept before it was in common use.



## Delaware Journal of Public Health

Check out the new DJPH Website: <http://djph.org>

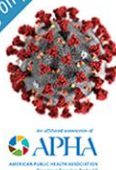
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This issue of the Journal focuses on education and public health. In this instance, we refer to higher education: training the healthcare workforce to operate in the realm of individual medicine and population health.

But there is an elephant in the room.  
“Unprecedented.”  
“Extraordinary.”  
“Unparalleled.”

The global COVID-19 pandemic was unfolding as this issue of the Delaware Journal of Public Health was in final edit mode.

These times are unlike any other, as the profession of public health is taking center stage. The critical components of public health including (but not limited to) surveillance, epidemiology, infectious disease control and prevention, occupational health and safety, communications strategies, and global health

are in the forefront of media broadcasts, social media posts, and people everywhere are educating themselves on these key areas. More people than ever understand what the nature of our work is, and ultimately that is a good thing.

## National News

### COVID-19 Conversations

Brought to you by the American Public



Health Association and the National Academy of Medicine, this webinar series is exploring the state of the science surrounding the current outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States and globally, with a focus on the emerging evidence on how to best mitigate its impact. Hear from trusted experts in such fields as public health, infectious disease, risk communication, and crisis standards of care.



[Click here for more information.](#)

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## Call for Abstracts: APHA Council of Affiliates Scientific Sessions

**Submission Deadline: June 15, 2020**

### Public Health Systems – Transforming & Responding: Public Health 3.0

The COVID-19 response has challenged every public health system, relationship and service across the country. The efforts have shown the need for strong public health policies, resources and services. More than ever, it is important to transform public health so that it is no longer defined solely by the public health department and its traditional programs. Public Health 3.0 recognizes the importance of working across sectors to advance population health and to look for innovative solutions, social determinants of health and health equity.

The APHA Council of Affiliates is seeking abstracts for [scientific sessions](#) (oral presentations) and [poster presentations](#) that describe the role of APHA affiliates in working in the COVID-19 response and/or this new landscape. Please download the [Conflict of Interest form](#) and/or the [poster submission](#) form.

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### May is...

ALS Awareness Month  
Celiac Disease Awareness Month  
Hepatitis Awareness Month

[And Much More!](#)

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### Additional Resources

Delaware Division of Public Health: [The DPH Bulletin](#)  
Trust for America's Health: Wellness and Prevention Digest - [Subscribe](#)

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