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Academy News

DELaware MINI MEDICAL SCHOOL
Wednesdays, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

SEP 09	TELEHEALTH & VIRTUAL CARE
SEP 16	MOBILE UNIT & TEAM-BASED CARE
SEP 23	ASTHMA CARE
OCT 07	ONCOLOGY CARE MODELS
OCT 14	ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MEDICINE
OCT 21	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, OCCUPATIONAL & PHYSICAL THERAPY
OCT TBD	BACKUP SESSION - ONLY IF NEEDED

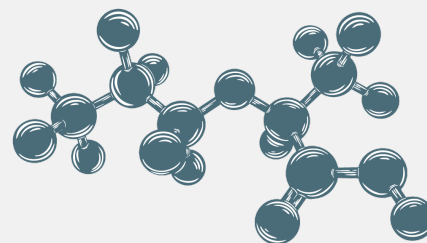
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Delaware Mini Med: Registration is Open!

Join us for the Fall 2026 Delaware Mini Medical School, a virtual series exploring a variety of health care professions, specialties, and models of care. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from September 9 through October 21, 2026, from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Topics include Mobile Unit & Team-Based Care, Telehealth & Virtual Care, Rehabilitation Services, Asthma Care, Oncology Care Models, and Orthopedics & Sports Medicine.



2026 PFAS Summit

Join the Academy, the Delaware Division of Public Health, and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for the second annual PFAS Summit on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. This virtual webinar will explore PFAS, pathways of exposure, health and environmental impacts, actions being taken in other states, and ways individuals can protect their health. The event will feature expert presentations and a panel discussion with leading researchers and public health professionals.

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Delaware Healthcare Workforce Summit

The 2026 Delaware Healthcare Workforce Summit will bring together healthcare professionals and stakeholders to explore behavioral health as an essential component of overall healthcare, with an afternoon focus on Delaware's Rural Health Transformation Initiative. The event will feature keynote speaker **Dr. Samantha Nutt**, an award-winning humanitarian, medical doctor, bestselling author, and founder of War Child Canada and War Child USA. The summit will take place on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at the Bayhealth Conference Center at Blue Hen in Dover. Registration is free, with breakfast, lunch, and snacks provided at no cost.

Make Time for Vaccination: Keep Delaware Children Up to Date

Routine vaccinations are one of the most effective ways to protect children from serious diseases, hospitalization, disability, and death. A child's annual physical or well-child visit is a great opportunity for families to review their immunization records and make sure they are **up to date**. Staying current also helps prevent outbreaks and protects the broader community. Pediatricians are trusted partners in helping families understand the benefits and safety of vaccines. Talk with your child's healthcare provider about recommended vaccines and make sure your child is protected.



[Learn More](#)



The Academy and ChristianaCare Host Summer Skills Session for High School Students

The Academy, in partnership with ChristianaCare Academic Affairs, hosted a hands-on Summer Skills Session for high school students interested in exploring careers in healthcare. Students gained practical experience in CPR, Stop the Bleed, and casting, and participated in a Q&A panel with current medical students and residents. The session provided students with an opportunity to develop hands-on skills, connect with healthcare professionals, and gain valuable insight into pursuing a future in healthcare. We thank all of our facilitators, residents, medical students, and partners for sharing their time and expertise!

New Member Spotlight

The Delaware Academy of Medicine and Public Health is pleased to welcome our newest members! We are excited to have these accomplished professionals join our growing community and look forward to the knowledge, experience, and perspectives they will bring to the Academy.

Please join us in welcoming:

Gianna Clemente, MOT
Sue Getman, MA, BA
Ifeanyi Momodu, MD, MPH, FACP
Cynthia Newton, PhD, MPA
Chukwuemeka Ogbu, MD
Modupe O. Oluya, MD, MPH, ABOM, FACP
Serena Schade, MS, NBC-HWC
Eliza K. Zimmerer, MSW, MPH

We are delighted to have them as members and look forward to their engagement and contributions to the Academy's mission and vision.

Delaware News

Delaware Reaffirms Childhood Vaccine Guidance Following Federal Changes

The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) is reassuring families that childhood vaccine guidance and access in Delaware remain unchanged following recent federal changes to vaccine recommendations. Delaware will continue following evidence-based immunization schedules supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics, and DPH clinics will continue providing recommended childhood vaccines.

State health officials emphasized that routine vaccines have a long history of safely preventing serious illness and encouraged families to keep children up to date and speak with their health care providers about vaccination questions.

Delaware Expands Health Care Workforce Through Scope-of-Practice Changes and Apprenticeship Study

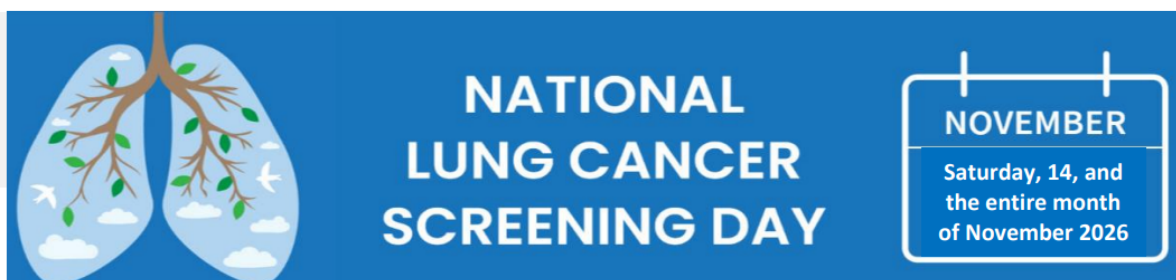
Governor Meyer signed three measures designed to expand access to health care and address workforce shortages across Delaware. **SB 320** expands pharmacists' ability to evaluate patients, order tests, administer medications, and prescribe certain medications and devices, while **SB 283** allows dental hygienists to provide additional preventive services. **H.J. Res 13** directs a study of a Healthcare Apprenticeship Degree Program that would allow aspiring health professionals to earn a degree while gaining paid clinical experience. Together, the measures aim to make better use of existing health professionals while creating new pathways into health care careers, particularly in rural communities.

2026 State Assessment Results, Shows Modest Gains but Continued Achievement Gaps

The Delaware Department of Education released its **2026 statewide assessment** results, showing modest gains in student proficiency. Grades 3–8 ELA proficiency increased from 41% to 42%, while math rose from 34% to 35%, marking four consecutive years of improvement in math. Schools receiving targeted literacy support saw some of the strongest gains, with several reporting significant increases in Grade 3 ELA proficiency. Despite this progress, overall achievement remains below state goals, and significant gaps among student groups persist. SAT math proficiency remained at 18%, highlighting continued challenges in high school mathematics. Additional results on student growth, attendance, college and career readiness, and graduation rates will be released through October.

What else we are reading:

- [Delaware's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Program Returns Oct. 2–4 for 27th Year](#)
- [Governor Meyer Signs Bills Expanding Access to Affordable Summer Childcare](#)
- [DE Highlights Lifesaving Prehospital Whole Blood Program in New Safety Video](#)
- [Workforce Pell Program to Expand Access to Short-Term Career Training](#)
- [Gov Signs DE John Lewis Voting Rights Act to Strengthen Voting Protections](#)
- [DE Prosperity Partnership Launch Innovate Delaware to Boost Statewide Innovation](#)
- [Hospital Cost Review Board Finalizes New Regulations to Increase Oversight of Hospital Spending](#)
- [Three Tornadoes Confirmed in Kent County, Including Two EF-1 Storms](#)
- [Delaware to Host Inaugural Human Trafficking Awareness, Prevention and Action Summit](#)
- [Delaware Promotes Lung Cancer Screening Throughout November 2026](#)



Trump Admin Has Deleted or Altered Nearly 400 Federal Datasets, Raising Public Health Concerns

An independent tracker says the Trump administration has **deleted at least 28 federal datasets and modified another 338** since 2025, with health-related data accounting for about 40% of the changes. Altered or discontinued datasets include information on HIV, drug overdoses, violence, sexual health and other public health issues. Researchers warn that removing or changing these data sources could make it harder to identify emerging health threats, monitor vulnerable populations and evaluate trends over time, while also limiting researchers' ability to compare current conditions with historical data. The tracker's creators emphasize that the figures are likely an undercount because federal agencies are not required to publicly announce every discontinued or altered dataset.

U.S. Uranium Boom Revives Tribal Concerns Over Radioactive Waste and Contamination

A renewed U.S. push to expand nuclear power and domestic uranium production is increasing activity at Utah's White Mesa Mill, the nation's only remaining conventional uranium mill. The facility plans to more than double uranium production this year while expanding radioactive waste storage, raising concerns among nearby Ute Mountain Ute, Havasupai, and Navajo communities about potential impacts on drinking water, air quality, and long-term health. The concerns are rooted in the region's history of uranium mining, which exposed many Indigenous workers to radiation and left hundreds of contaminated sites. While state and federal assessments have generally found no evidence that the mill currently poses a significant health risk, past contamination at nearby Entrance Spring, a 2021 Clean Air Act violation involving radon emissions, and ongoing groundwater concerns have fueled continued distrust.

Unapproved Eli Lilly Weight-Loss Drug Fuels Growing Black Market Online

Eli Lilly's experimental weight-loss drug retatrutide is already being sold through online vendors, medical spas and influencers despite not yet being approved by the FDA. Lilly has filed multiple lawsuits against sellers and referred thousands of vendors to regulators, while the FDA has issued warning letters to companies marketing products as "research use only" for apparent human consumption. The surge highlights growing demand for GLP-1 and peptide-based weight-loss treatments and concerns about unregulated products, consumer safety and limited regulatory resources. Lilly **plans to submit** retatrutide for FDA review in 2027.

What else we are reading:

- [NSF Set to Award Fewest New Grants in Four Decades Amid \\$1 Billion Funding Holdback](#)
- [Oregon Psilocybin Program Offers Insights Into Benefits & Risks of State-Licensed Use](#)
- [Baltimore's Homicide Rate Falls Nearly 60% as City Uses a Public Health Approach to Gun Violence](#)
- [U.S. Cannabis Use and Cannabis Use Disorder Rise, New Study Finds](#)
- [Acorns, Not Deer, May Be a Better Predictor of Future Lyme Disease Risk](#)
- [Flight Attendants and Pilots Face Higher Risk of Death From Radiation-Related Cancers](#)
- [California Sees Surge in Deadly Silicosis Among Artificial-Stone Countertop Workers](#)
- [Study Links Historical Slavery to Persistent Racial Mortality Gaps in the U.S.](#)
- [Human Brain Organoids Kept Alive for Five Years](#)
- [FDA Approves Updated Juul E-Cigarette With App-Based Age Verification](#)
- [Study Finds CTE in Nearly 1 in 4 Deceased NFL Players](#)

UK Prostate Cancer Cases Rise by 100,000 as Charity Urges Men to Get Checked

New **estimates from Macmillan Cancer Support** show that around 600,000 men in the UK are now living with prostate cancer, up from approximately 500,000 in 2020. More than 68,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, making prostate cancer the UK's most commonly diagnosed cancer. The charity is urging men not to let misconceptions about symptoms or screening prevent them from seeking medical advice, noting that prostate cancer often has no symptoms in its early stages.

Global Health Aid Analysis Reveals Major Gaps Between Funding and Disease Burden

A new LMU-led analysis using machine learning found significant disparities between global health aid and disease burden. Researchers analyzed roughly 3.7 million aid projects from 2000–2022 and found that noncommunicable diseases account for about 60% of the global disease burden but received just 2.5% of disease-specific aid. In contrast, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases received about 34% of aid despite representing 6% of the global burden. Researchers say the findings highlight funding imbalances and could help policymakers better align health aid with areas of greatest need.

Nepal Flood Death Toll Reaches 903 as Thousands Remain Missing

The death toll from devastating floods along Nepal's Bhotekoshi and Trishuli rivers has reached 903, according to government figures, with 4,247 people still unaccounted for, including 592 foreign nationals. Chitwan, Nawalparasi East, and Nawalparasi West have recorded the highest numbers of recovered bodies, while many victims have been carried hundreds of kilometers downstream by fast-moving floodwaters. Search, rescue, and relief efforts continue, with more than 20,800 security personnel deployed and over 10,400 people rescued so far. Authorities are also working to identify victims, with unidentified bodies being held at 21 hospitals across affected districts.

What else we are reading:

- [Violence Against Health Workers Hampers Ebola Response in DRC](#)
- [Rare Immune Cells in Centenarians May Help Fight Cancer](#)
- [WHO & UNICEF Launch Free Course to Strengthen Sustainable Healthcare Waste Management](#)
- [U.S. Takes Leadership of Global Anti-Abortion Geneva Consensus Declaration](#)
- [Migrant Deaths Surge in 2026 Amid War, Extreme Weather, and Economic Hardship](#)
- [H1N1 Cases Surge in India, Overwhelming Hospitals and Prompting Mask Advisories](#)
- [Drug-Resistant Hospital Infections in Asia Far More Deadly Than Previously Estimated](#)
- [Older Adults Face Serious Heat Risks at Lower Temperatures Than Previously Estimated](#)
- [Bacterial Disease Linked to Livestock Shows First Signs of Human-to-Human Spread](#)
- [Afghanistan's Ban on Women's Medical Education Threatens Maternal and Child Health](#)

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

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