Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Delaware

I wanted to make sure you were aware of the unique and important collaboration between each of Delaware's hospitals and with State officials in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I invite you to learn more about how we are working together by visiting our website: Delaware Hospitals Work Together in State's COVID-19 Response.

This week, Delaware hospitals have partnered with the Governor and the Division of Public Health to set up new COVID-19 testing sites in hot spot areas of our state. Read more on this below.

Finally, it's important to note that at the same time that Delaware hospitals are fighting COVID-19, they are incurring significant financial loss — more than $5.66 million per day, or nearly $170 million per month. Please continue to stay home, practice social distancing and stay safe.

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DE Hospitals' Response to COVID-19

Delaware Hospitals Work Together in the State's COVID-19 Response

Health care workers from Nanticoke Memorial Hospital in Seaford urge Delawareans to stay home to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Delaware hospitals are working together and with partners in the State to ensure a coordinated, statewide response to COVID-19. In a uniquely Delaware approach, Delaware hospital representatives are in daily communication with each other and with State officials to ensure adequate capacity, testing supplies, personal protective equipment, and additional resources are available to meet Delaware's COVID-19 needs.

To learn more about this collaboration, click here: Delaware Hospitals Work Together in State's COVID-19 Response.

For additional details on our hospitals' response to COVID-19, including the $5.66 million per day financial losses incurred as a result of coronavirus preparations, read our recent report Delaware Hospitals’ Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Community Testing for Coronavirus

Delaware Hospitals Host Community COVID-19 Testing Sites

This week, Governor Carney declared Sussex County a COVID-19 "hot spot" in response to increasing cases of coronavirus in the area. With the help of Delaware's health care systems, the Governor also announced that additional community testing sites have been established this week to target employees of essential businesses and family members of at-risk populations.

The new community testing sites hosted by Delaware hospitals established this week are listed below. A referral is not needed for these particular sites and bilingual staff will also be on site.

- Community Testing Site hosted by Bayhealth at the DHSS State Services Center in Milford located at 253 NE Front Street: Thursday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Community Testing Site hosted by Beebe Healthcare in the parking lot between JD Shuckers and the Veteran’s Administration off of Rt. 404 in Georgetown: Friday, May 1 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Community Testing Site hosted by bayhealth at the DHSS State Services Center in Milford located at 253 NE Front Street: Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Community Testing Site hosted by Beebe Healthcare in the parking lot between JD Shuckers and the Veteran’s Administration off of Rt. 404 in Georgetown: Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Community Testing Site hosted by Bayhealth at the DHSS State Services Center in Milford located at 253 NE Front Street: Monday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Nanticoke Memorial Hospital has also announced that through the month of May, they will host a testing site at Frederick Douglas Elementary in Seaford on Tuesdays from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

For more information, visit Governor Carney’s website.

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