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## **COVID-19 UPDATE FOR JUNE 2, 2020: DPH ANNOUNCES 80 ADDITIONAL POSITIVE CASES; 5 NEW DEATHS; 89 ADDITIONAL RECOVERED**

**SMYRNA (June 2, 2020)** – The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is announcing five additional fatalities related to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and is providing an update on the number of positive cases and recovered individuals. All data reported through the daily updates are based on data received as of 6:00 p.m. the previous day.

DPH is sharing information regarding the following upcoming state-conducted community saliva-based drive-thru testing events. People are strongly encouraged to pre-register at [delaware.curativeinc.com](https://delaware.curativeinc.com) to reserve your place and reduce wait time for this viral test. Limited on-site registration will be available. Individuals are asked not to eat, drink, or brush your teeth for 20 minutes prior to taking the test.

- **Wednesday, June 3, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at Booker T. Washington Elementary School, 901 Forest St., Dover.
- **Thursday, June 4, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Bridgeville Fire Company, 311 Market St., Bridgeville.

Health care systems and hospitals continue to schedule testing at their free-standing sites. Information regarding the free-standing testing sites, as well as additional community testing sites as they are scheduled, will be listed on the testing section of the Delaware coronavirus website at: <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/>.

In total, 373 Delawareans have passed away due to complications from COVID-19. Individuals who have died from COVID-19 ranged in age from 21 to 103 years old. Of those who have died, 196 were females and 177 were males. A total of 172 individuals were from New Castle County, 66 were from Kent County, and 135 were from Sussex County.

The most recent deaths announced today ranged in age from 65 to 80. Four of the individuals were female and one was male. Three were Kent County residents, and two were Sussex County residents. All five individuals had underlying health conditions. Two of the individuals were residents of long-term care facilities.

To protect personal health information, DPH will not confirm specific information about any individual case, even if other persons or entities disclose it independently.

The latest Delaware COVID-19 case statistics\* cumulatively since March 11, provided as of 6 p.m., Monday, June 1, include:

- 9,685 total positive cases
- New Castle County cases: 3,883
- Kent County cases: 1,450
- Sussex County cases: 4,299
- Unknown County: 53
- Females: 5,307; Males: 4,332; Unknown: 46
- Age range: 0 to 103
- Currently hospitalized: 157; Critically ill: 28 (This data represents individuals currently hospitalized in a Delaware hospital regardless of residence, and is not cumulative.)
- Delawareans recovered: 5,442
- 54,377 negative cases\*\*

\*Data are provisional and subject to change.

\*\*Data on negative cases are preliminary, based on negative results reported to DPH by state and commercial laboratories performing analysis.

Additional demographic data on COVID-19 cases and deaths, including race/ethnicity, more age-specific data and rates information by ZIP code, can be found on the Division of Public Health's [My Healthy Community](#) data portal.

Delaware is considering patients fully recovered seven days after the resolution of their symptoms. Three days after symptoms resolve, patients are no longer required to self-isolate at home; however, they must continue to practice strict social distancing for the remaining four days before returning to their normal daily routine.

If you are sick with any of the following symptoms, stay home: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, chills, shaking with chills, loss of smell or taste. Other symptoms such as headache or digestive symptoms (vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain or lack of appetite) have been identified as potential symptoms related to COVID-19 and may prompt further screening, action or investigation. If you are sick and need essential supplies, ask someone else to go to the grocery store or the pharmacy to get what you need.

If you believe you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or have symptoms of illness, make sure to distance yourself from others, particularly vulnerable populations. Older adults and people of any age with serious underlying medical conditions – including serious heart conditions, chronic lung conditions, including moderate to severe asthma, severe obesity and those who are immunocompromised, including through cancer treatment – may have a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Beginning this week, DPH Community Health employees began conducting contact tracing and case investigations in the community. DPH field teams of two will personally visit individuals for whom DPH has no phone number to advise them they have a positive test result for COVID-19, or have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The DPH employees will have state employee identification and most likely will be wearing a shirt that identifies them as a DPH employee. They will also be wearing a mask, gloves, and may even be wearing a face shield. They will request permission to ask the person a series of questions, but will not request to enter the home unless they are unable to maintain the individual's privacy outside the home. Contact tracers do not ask for bank account or Social Security information. An individual's information will not be shared with any person or organization, and will only be used to help DPH monitor a person's health status through additional phone calls to that person to help stop the spread of the disease. DPH does not release any personal information to the public. For additional information about contact tracing, visit <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/contact-tracing/>.

Individuals who have complaints about out-of-state individuals violating the Governor's State of Emergency Order, or violating the public gathering restrictions, should contact state or local law enforcement. Concerns that a business may be violating operating restrictions should be directed to: [COVID.DOJ@delaware.gov](mailto:COVID.DOJ@delaware.gov). Questions related to business re-openings or operations as businesses reopen should go to [COVID19FAQ@delaware.gov](mailto:COVID19FAQ@delaware.gov).

Individuals with questions about COVID-19 should call Delaware 2-1-1, or email [info@delaware211.org](mailto:info@delaware211.org). Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can text their ZIP code to 898-211. Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Medically related questions regarding testing, symptoms, and health-related guidance can be submitted by email at [DPHCall@delaware.gov](mailto:DPHCall@delaware.gov). Questions regarding unemployment claims should be emailed to: [UIClaims@delaware.gov](mailto:UIClaims@delaware.gov).

In addition, the Division of Public Health asks any Delaware health care, long-term care, residential, or other high-risk facility with questions or concerns to email: [DPH\\_PAC@delaware.gov](mailto:DPH_PAC@delaware.gov) or call the DPH Call Center at 1-866-408-1899 and press ext. 2.

DPH will continue to update the public as more information becomes available. For the latest on Delaware's response, go to [de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus).

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