

## Physician-Assisted Suicide/Medical Aid in Dying

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### *Last Chance to Take Member-Only Survey*

In an effort to take the current pulse of the MSD



membership regarding the issue of physician-assisted suicide/medical aid in dying, a short survey was emailed to all MSD members Friday, May 31. The survey asks your opinion on the much-debated topic and whether you think MSD should change its current position. **Please complete the survey by June 14th.** For questions or if you have not received the emailed survey, please contact [Mary.Lajudice@medsocdel.org](mailto:Mary.Lajudice@medsocdel.org) or call 302-224-5183.

## Marijuana Bill Heads to the House for Vote

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[HB 110](#), a bill to legalize recreational marijuana was released from the House Revenue & Finance

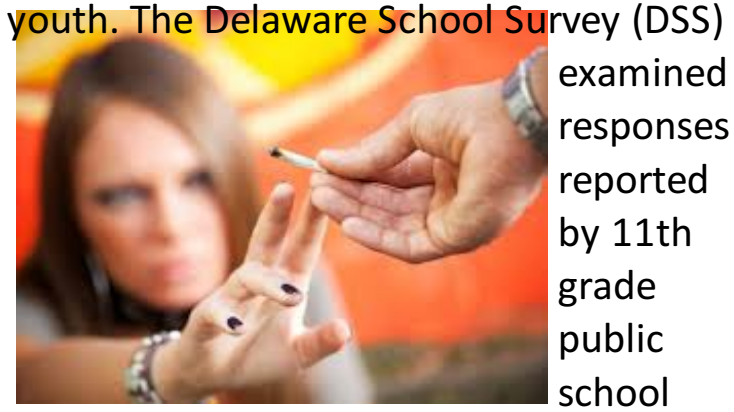
Committee this week. During two-hours of testimony, MSD Executive Director Mark B. Thompson, MHSA spoke strongly against the bill, expressing concern for the health of Delawareans and encouraging more research before proceeding. The legislation would allow for the possession and use of up to an ounce of marijuana by anyone at least 21 years old and establish a system to tax marijuana sales at retail stores credentialed by the state. MSD, Delaware Division of Public Health, AAA, Delaware State Police, Delaware Healthcare Association, and the state and local Chambers of Commerce all oppose the bill. A full vote of the House is pending. [Read more.](#)

## **New Numbers Report 23% of DE Youth Smoking Pot**

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### *Interactive Heat Maps Show Use by Zipcode*

According to the latest results from a study conducted by the University of Delaware, the First State has reason to be concerned about marijuana use among



students who participated in the survey over a two year time span and can narrow down the results within the last 30 days. Students were surveyed on cigarette use, electronic vaping products, alcohol, binge drinking, marijuana use, prescription drug misuse, and prescription drug painkiller misuse. An interactive map can pinpoint usage for specific zip codes. Lewes, Delaware reported a 34% rate of marijuana use among those surveyed in the last month. Delaware reports a 23% rate among youths. [View interactive map.](#)

## **New Statewide Resource for Families in Crisis**

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### *Information to Share With Your Patients*

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Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and Partnership for Drug-Free Kids are collaborating to bring dedicated, science-based resources

and support to Delaware families. The group will work to provide digital resources and one-on-one support to parents and caregivers as they help a loved one struggling with opioids or other substances. Please consider directing your patients in need to this valuable resource page. [Read more.](#) [View resource page.](#)

## Join Fellow Physicians in a Health Care Intervention

### *Rally for Firearms Injury Prevention Research*



The poster features a background image of the United States Capitol building. Text on the poster includes: 'Help Us with a Healthcare Intervention', 'June 11th 11 AM Capitol Steps, Washington, D.C.', 'AMERICA'S FIREARMS INJURY EPIDEMIC IS A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY', 'On June 11th, hundreds of doctors, nurses, students and other healthcare providers, gun owners and non gun owners, Democrats, Republicans and Independents will rally on the Capitol Steps in order to push Congress to advance Firearms Injury Prevention Research.', 'Last year close to 40,000 Americans, including more than 3000 children, died from firearms injuries.', 'These deaths don't happen at random. We know we can prevent gun injuries through public health research and action. Lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington are pressuring lawmakers to squash bills supporting research to protect our patients from preventable injury and death.', 'SIGN UP HERE http://bit.ly/SAFEcapitolHill', and social media handles for @StandSafe and @SafeStand. The SAFE logo is also present.

Join physicians, nurses, students, and other health care professionals from around the country on Tuesday, June 11th at the Capitol Building steps in

Washington to encourage Congress to advance firearms injury prevention research. This unique rally is being organized by MSD member Dean Winslow, MD in coordination with Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE). [Read more.](#) [To sign up.](#)

## Quest Diagnostic / LabCorp Hit With Data Breaches

*19 Million Patients Could Be Affected Since August 2018*



Quest Diagnostic and LabCorp have reported data breaches that could affect as many as 19 million patients. American Medical Collection Agency (AMCA), a third-party billing collections service provider who services both companies, has reported approximately 7.7 million of LabCorp's records were affected between Aug. 1, 2018 and March 30, 2019. Information that could have been exposed includes names, addresses, dates of birth, balance information, and possibly some credit card and bank account information. Quest says their data breach could affect 12 million patients and believes the breach includes personal information, including certain financial data, Social Security numbers, and medical information, but not laboratory test results. [Read more.](#)

## ***"Rerum Cognoscere"***

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The Latin phrase *Rerum Cognoscere* translates to learn, examine, or become aware of facts or things. In this section we highlight measurable items of interest in health care from MSD, Delaware, the US, and the world.

<b>25,189</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>28.9%</b>
Number of deaths from falls among U.S. adults aged 75 years	Number of confirmed measles	Percentage increase in suicide rates among U.S.

and older in 2016.	cases in the U.S. this year. An increase of 41 new cases last week.	youths ages 10 to 17 in April 2017, the month after the airing of the controversial show about a 17-year old's suicide, "13 Reasons Why."
CDC	CDC	Delaware Division of Public Health

## Upcoming Events


- June 13-14** - [Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program](#), 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Eden Hill Medical Center, Dover.
- June 17-21** - [University of Delaware's 42nd Annual Eastern Shore Medical Symposium](#), Rehoboth Beach.
- June 18** - SAVE THE DATE: MSD 2019 "Spring into Summer" Happy Hour, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.
- June 18** - [Diagnostic Errors - My Role in Preventing Harm](#), 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., Christiana Hospital with videoconferencing to Wilmington Hospital.
- Aug. 8** - ProAssurance Physicians Risk Management Seminar - [Out of Bounds: Previous Claims Under Further Review](#), 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Chase Center on the Riverfront, Wilmington.
- Aug. 22** - ProAssurance Physicians Risk Management Seminar, [Out of Bounds: Previous Claims Under Further Review](#), 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Virden Retreat Center, Lewes.
- Aug. 22** - SAVE THE DATE: 7th Annual Addiction Medicine Symposium, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.
- Sept. 12-13, 19-20** - [Certified Medical Office Manager \(CMOM\) Course and Exam](#), 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Eden Hill Medical Center, Dover.
- Sept. 13** - [Inaugural Sepsis Symposium](#), 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.
- Sept. 14** - SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Heart and Valve Disease Summit, 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Virden Retreat Center, Lewes.
- Sept. 20** - SAVE THE DATE: Dr. Margaret I. Handy Annual Memorial Lectureship, John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.
- Sept. 21** - [3rd Annual GI Symposium](#), 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.
- Sept. 21** - SAVE THE DATE: 8th Annual Psychiatric Society of Delaware (PSD) Symposium, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.
- Oct. 5** - [Bariatric Summit 2019: Innovation and Care](#)

[Coordination](#), 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**Oct. 11** - SAVE THE DATE: Dementia Care 2019: Medical and Physiological Challenges in the Care of People with Dementia, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Rehoboth Country Club, Rehoboth Beach.

**Oct. 17-18** - [Trauma Resuscitation in Kids \(TRIK\) Course](#), 7:30 a.m., Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington.

**Oct. 26** - SAVE THE DATE: 12th Annual Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

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