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Dear Colleagues,

On Saturday, October 24th at the 2020 Annual Conference of the American Public Health Association, we were announced as the 2020 Affiliate of the Year. Our journey to this point is a credit to all of you, our members, event participants, authors, speakers, and collaborating institutions.

It was just six years ago, at the Boston APHA Annual meeting, that we became Delaware’s affiliate to APHA, and over the ensuing years we have continued the transformation of the Academy/DPHA from being a medical library and conference center to being a publishing, teaching, and research organization. In a year that has not gone as expected, this recognition is the best 90th birthday “present” I can think of for an organization that has always placed the wellbeing of its community first and foremost, from 1930 until now.

Please be on the look-out for the next issue of the Delaware Journal of Public Health, “Racism & Health.” We conceived of this issue in the summer of 2019 – long before the dual injuries of COVID-19 and Racism hit our country. We hope it is thought provoking and provocative, and will get you thinking more about your relationship to individual and institutional racism. You can always access past issues of the Journal at www.djph.org.

Looking forward, the Communicable Disease Summit will be held on Monday, November 9th as a virtual event. Register online at www.delamed.org/CD2020.

Looking into 2021, the inaugural Mid-Alantic Regional Conference will occur on January 14th and 15th (details as they become available can be found at www.midlantic.org). This is a partnership effort of the Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania Public Health Associations, and we hope you will consider attending, especially if you were unable to attend the American Public Health Association Annual Conference held at the end of October.

From all of us to you, happy holidays, and please stay well.

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Upcoming Events
Racism & Health

The topics for our journal issues are picked well in advance (sometimes up to two years!), and we are occasionally somewhat clairvoyant in our selections. However, we are public health professionals, and it is not difficult to see the inequities that surround us. Being Black in the United States places individuals and communities at a disadvantage that must be addressed.

In our next issue, "Racism & Health," we dive into this difficult topic. DJPH staff have turned the issue over to our guest editors, Marsha’ T. Horton, PhD and Jacqueline A. Washington, EdD, MS. They, in turn, have selected content experts, so that they may have the platform to tell the story of Black Health in the way it needs to be told - by Black and African Americans.

Look for this issue of the journal the week of November 9th at djph.org, and while you're waiting, check out some of our previous issues!

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COVID-19

Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker

Thirty-six vaccines being developed to fight SARS-CoV-2 are in Phase I human trials.

Vaccines must go through stringent processes to be approved for use in humans, and not all of them will succeed.

Check back often for updates!

New York Times Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker
Coronavirus Resources

Delaware Resources:
- 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

Coronavirus Funding Monitor

Frontiers has curated list of open funding calls and other support for researchers, non-profit organizations and commercial organizations, specifically for COVID-19 and coronavirus-related research. The list is updated daily.

National News

PRESS RELEASE

Control of Communicable Diseases Manual

Control of Communicable Diseases: Clinical Practice, newly published by APHA Press, is the perfect tool to thwart the “misinformation pandemic,” says co-editor Omar A. Khan, MD, MHS, FAAP.

A new complement to the Control of Communicable Diseases Manual also published by APHA Press, Clinical Practice addresses COVID-19 and other conditions with brand-new material authored by many experts.

“This manual begins where Control of Communicable Diseases Manual leaves off – patient management is a part of communicable disease control, and CCDM Clinical Practice deserves a place on the bookshelf as an equal partner to CCDM,” said co-editor David Heymann, MD, DTM&H, who has headed the Control of Communicable Disease Manual since 1997.

Read more

+++ This edition of the Control of Clinical Diseases Manual includes a plethora of Delaware authors!
- Omar Khan, MD, MHS – Co-Editor in Chief
- Elizabeth Healy, MPH – Managing Editor
Open Enrollment Now Open

Open Enrollment for health insurance coverage is here! From November 1 - December 15, individuals can log into healthcare.gov and apply for new coverage, and renew or change their current plan.

To be eligible to enroll in Marketplace health coverage, you must live in the United States, be a US citizen or national (or be lawfully present), and not be incarcerated. All plans cover essential health benefits, pre-existing conditions, and preventative services.

Open enrollment ends on December 15, 2020, so don't wait!

Learn more

November is...

COPD Awareness Month
National Prematurity Awareness Month
National Hospice & Palliative Care Month

And Much More!

Additional Resources

Delaware Division of Public Health: The DPH Bulletin
Trust for America’s Health: Wellness and Prevention Digest - Subscribe

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