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DELAWARE — COVID-19 — 3/27/2020

Delaware Legislative Session. The Delaware legislative session has been postponed until further notice.

Public Restrictions. On March 22, 2020, Delaware Governor John Carney ordered all nonessential businesses to close beginning March 24, 2020, and has issued a cease-and-desist order to gun stores violating orders to close.

Outbreak Response. The state of Delaware has instituted the following measures in response to the spread of COVID-19:

- A stay-at-home order has been issued effective through May 15, 2020, or until the public health emergency period has ended.
- Schools have been closed until further notice. However, school nutrition programs throughout the state continue to operate, and families are encouraged to pick up meals at various locations in each school district.
- The Delaware Department of Public Health's State Health Operations Center has been activated to allow for enhanced response coordination.
- The Delaware Housing Authority will provide rent and utility assistance up to \$1,500 for qualified applicants.
- The Hospitality Emergency Loan Program has been expanded to provide financial relief for additional industries impacted by COVID-19 by making personal care businesses such as barbershops, hair salons, and nail salons eligible for the program. Eligible businesses must have been in operation for at least one year and have annual revenue below \$2.5 million. The previous annual revenue maximum was \$1.5 million.

Confirmed Cases. Delaware currently has 163 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 105 of which are located in New Castle County. There have been 15 hospitalizations statewide and 2 deaths.

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