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Officials from the City of Wilmington, Delaware Health and Social Services, and the Department of Education officially open the Vital Statistics pilot program at the Northeast State Service Center. Second from left: Wilmington Mayor Dennis P. Williams, DHSS Secretary Rita Landgraf, DPH Director Dr. Karyl Rattay, Maridelle Dizon of DPH, Dr. Jaqueline Jenkins of the City of Wilmington, and Tabatha Offut-Powell, chief of DPH's Data and Informatics Section. At far right is state Rep. Stephanie T. Bolden and behind her is Caitlin Gleason of DOE.

DHSS, City of Wilmington open birth certificate pilot program at Northeast State Service Center

On June 7, Delaware Health and Social Services (DHSS) and the City of Wilmington opened a pilot program at Northeast State Service Center to provide birth certificates for families enrolling children in kindergarten. Many Wilmington families said it was a transportation challenge to get to the New Castle County Office of Vital Statistics in Newark or they lacked computer access to order certificates online.

The office at 1624 Jessup St. will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays (and closed from noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch) through Oct. 27, 2016. Accepted forms of payment: credit/debit card, check, or money order for \$25, payable to the Office of Vital Statistics. Everyone seeking a birth certificate will be served. Visit <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/ss/vitalstats.html> for more information or to order documents online.

"One of the most important things we can do as government leaders is to meet communities where they are," Secretary Landgraf said. I thank the City of Wilmington and Mayor Williams for partnering with us to open this pilot office at the Northeast State Service Center."



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DPH announces fifth Zika case

A fifth Zika case involving a Delaware resident was announced by the Division of Public Health (DPH) on June 13. All five cases acquired the illness from mosquito bites while traveling abroad and do not involve pregnancy.

Serious birth defects from the bites of Zika-infected mosquitoes were reported in Brazil and other countries. Since Zika can also be spread by men via vaginal, anal, and oral sexual activity, DPH recommends condom use for men diagnosed with Zika virus or who have Zika symptoms for at least six months. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes).



DPH is offering Zika Prevention Kits to pregnant women served at Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinics and other locations. The kit contains mosquito repellent, condoms, thermometers, and informational brochures. For more information, visit dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/zika.html.

Innovative Safety Technology



Signal Service, Inc. of West Chester, Pennsylvania displayed their passive detection bike signal at the 2016 Walkable Bikeable Delaware Summit. When the signal system detects cyclists and pedestrians in their lanes, drivers get red lights so cyclists and pedestrians can safely cross. Pictured are Technical Sales Representatives Tom Bailey, left, and Toby Whitmore. Photo by Donna Sharp.



See you at the Delaware State Fair!

DPH will attend the annual Delaware State Fair Health Fair for Kids on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 (Healthy Kids Day) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Delaware State Fairgrounds on Rt. 3 in Harrington, Delaware. The health fair is in the Free Entertainment Tent. For more information, contact Midline Estimable at 302-262-9459 or mestimable@pmgconsulting.net. Photo by Donna Sharp.