

The DPH Bulletin

From the Delaware Division of Public Health

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Public comment invited by July 31 on State Health Needs Assessment



The Division of Public Health (DPH) wants public input on the 2017 Delaware State Health Needs Assessment (SHA). The SHA is a careful examination of the health of our population and identifies primary health problems and assets. It will be used to develop strategies that comprehensively address Delaware's major health needs.

A broad range of non-profit and medical provider partners, community-based agencies, government and non-profit agencies, and Delawareans drafted the SHA. After receiving public comments, DPH will organize partners to develop health strategies and goals. To read the SHA, visit <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/files/shna.pdf>.

To submit comments, visit <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/files/phabacc.html>. The deadline for submissions is July 31, 2018.

Cancer mortality continues decline

Cancer screening and early detection efforts continue to drive down Delaware's all-site cancer mortality rates, according to DPH's new cancer data report, [*Cancer Incidence and Mortality in Delaware, 2010-2014*](#).

From 2000-2004 to 2010-2014, Delaware's cancer death rate decreased 12 percent, an impressive improvement though slightly lower than the 14 percent decline seen nationally. Despite continuing decreases, at 178.2 deaths per 100,000 people, the state's all-site mortality rate was 7 percent higher than the U.S. rate of 166.1 for 2010-2014.

Delaware's 2010-2014 all-site cancer incidence rate (506.4 diagnoses per 100,000) was 14 percent higher than the comparable U.S. rate and unchanged from 2000-2004 (506.3 per 100,000).

DPH issued two supplementary reports, [*Disparities in Cancer Incidence and Mortality Among Delaware Residents, 2010-2014*](#) and [*Secondary Analysis of Delaware Census Tracts with Elevated All-Site Cancer Incidence Rates, 2010-2014*](#). To view the reports, visit <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/cancer>.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for Kent County's Medical Marijuana Compassion Center, June 27. The dispensary, operated by Columbia Care, is located at 200 S. DuPont Blvd. in Smyrna, Delaware. Photo courtesy of Ben Mace, Smyrna-Sun Times.

DPH offers free health classes

DPH's Diabetes and Heart Disease Prevention and Control Program offers four free six-week courses.

The next "Diabetes Education" course begins August 6, 2018 and the next Healthy Living Workshop begins October 8, 2018. There is one class held weekly from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the DPH Training Center, located at 43 S. DuPont Hwy. in the Edgehill Shopping Center in Dover, Delaware 19901.

A Chronic Pain Self-Management course and a Cancer Thriving and Surviving course are also free. Visit www.healthydelaware.org for class schedules. State employees and retirees can register on the Delaware Learning Center.

For more information, contact Tiffany Pearson at 302-744-1020 or Tiffany.Pearson@state.de.us.

See you at the Fair!

DPH and many health partners are participating in the Delaware State Fair's Healthy Kids Health Fair on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 on the fairgrounds on Route 13 in Harrington, Delaware. The health fair begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. in front of the Grandstand. For more information, call 302-858-4764 or visit www.delawarestatefair.com.



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