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As Radiologic Technology students at Delaware Technical Community College (DTCC), Owens Campus, look on, Governor Jack Markell proclaimed Radiation Protection Week in Delaware as November 6-12, 2016. Speakers at the Nov. 3 event included Division of Public Health (DPH) Director Dr. Karyl Rattay, left, DTCC President Dr. Mark Brainard, back left, Authority on Radiation Protection Chair Dr. Frances Esposito (in vest), and Director of Instruction Dr. Bobbi Barends, far right. Below are Radiologic Technology students Lionel Harris and Allyson Slavin. DPH's Office of Radiation Control collaborates with many partners to enhance radiation safety and improve health outcomes. For more information, visit www.deradiationprotection.org. Photos by Donna Sharp.





Dover. Delaware

Adults need photo ID.

Flu circulating in all counties

Influenza (the flu) is confirmed statewide for the 2016-2017 flu season. Governor Jack Markell urges all Delawareans 6 months of age and older to get vaccinated soon if they have not yet done so. To find vaccination sites, Google "CDC flu finder" and enter your ZIP code; visit flu.Delaware.gov; or call DPH at 800-282-8672.



Prepare for a healthy life by getting health insurance coverage

The Division of Public Health (DPH) is helping everyone achieve their optimal health by helping eligible Delawareans get health insurance coverage. It is much easier to get an appointment with a doctor if you have health insurance. Health insurance also helps pay for office visits, primary care screenings, and prescriptions.

The open enrollment period for the Delaware Health Insurance Marketplace will remain open until January 31, 2017. Get free help with the enrollment process and plan selections by visiting ChooseHealthDE.com. For coverage to start January 1, you must enroll by December 15, and pay the first premium by January 1. Those qualifying for financial help include individuals with annual incomes up to \$47,520 and families of four with annual incomes of \$97,200. Those who qualify for financial help must select a "silver" level plan.

Information on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides coverage to families and individuals who have limited income, is also available on HealthCare.gov. You can also apply by going to https://assist.dhss.delaware.gov. You can apply for these programs anytime.

Low-income individuals who are not eligible for any of those options can apply to Health Care Connection by dialing 211 and asking to be connected. The staff will help them connect with reduced cost care at a community health center or with a private practice physician. To be eligible, an individual must be a Delaware resident, uninsured, not eligible for state coverage such as Medicaid, exempt or ineligible for the Health Insurance Marketplace and meet certain income requirements. To inquire, call 211 or send an email to DHSS_DPH_Healthaccessde@state.de.us.

6,059 lbs. drugs collected

Drug Take-Back Day, Delaware, October 22, 2016

