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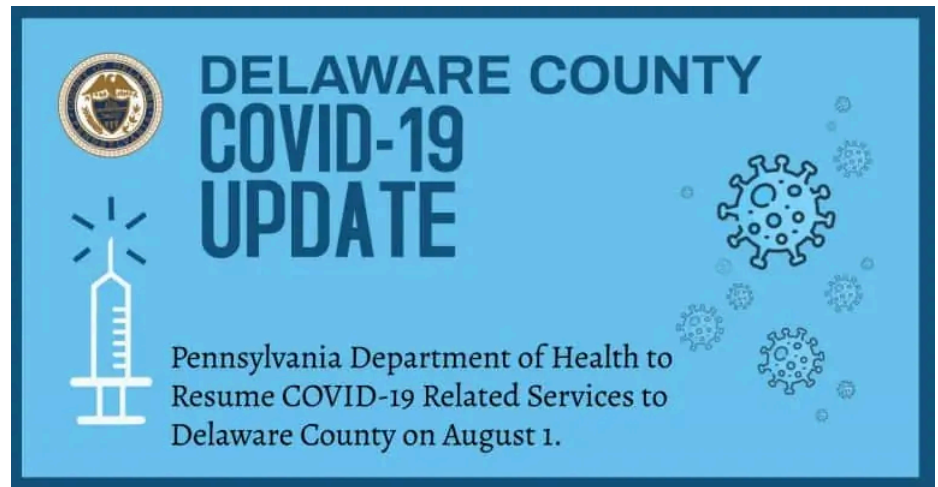
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Beginning August 1, the Pennsylvania Department of Health will resume COVID-19 related services for residents of Delaware County.

These services include case investigation and surveillance, data reporting, testing and vaccination oversight, public health communications, official guidance (e.g., masking, social

distancing) and assistance to residents who have questions and concerns relating to COVID-19.

For the past 16 months, the Chester County Health Department has provided these COVID-19 related services and guidance for residents of Delaware



County. This temporary intergovernmental cooperation agreement between Delaware County and Chester County Health Department—which started in March 2020, a few weeks after the first COVID-19 case in the state was reported in Delaware County—was due to the fact that Delaware County remains without a public health department (until January 2022). This intergovernmental cooperation agreement between Chester County and Delaware County will end on August 1.

“We are immensely grateful to Chester County for providing life-saving services and support to our residents over the last 16 months,” said Delaware County Council Chairman Brian Zidek. “Over the past year and a half, Delaware County has worked to establish a strong COVID-19 Task Force and now has a better infrastructure in place than we did in the early stages of the pandemic. Our County is prepared to respond to the needs of our residents with assistance from Pennsylvania Department of Health.”

What the transition back to Pennsylvania Department of Health means for residents:

Guidance

Guidance such as masking and social distancing will be released from the state and CDC.

The County will share that guidance here:

delcopa.gov/covid-guidance

Data

COVID-19 case and vaccination data can be found here:

www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Cases.aspx

Assistance

Residents who need to report a case, seek guidance, or have a question related to COVID-19 can call

1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).

Testing

The Delaware County COVID-19 Task Force will continue to offer COVID-19 testing along with many other testing providers in the county. You can locate a testing site here:

delcopa.gov/testing

Vaccines

The Delaware County COVID-19 Task Force will continue to offer vaccinations along with many other vaccine providers in the county. You can locate a vaccination site here: delcopa.gov/vax

Residents with questions about vaccinations and testing can also contact our Delaware County COVID-19 Call Center at (484) 276-2100 with questions about locations, appointments and other related services.

Delaware County is making significant progress in launching the County's Health Department and is on target to open in January 2022 as planned. Pandemic response will be a critical function of the new department. Updates and progress on the future Delaware County Health Department can be found here:

www.delcopa.gov/health/index.html

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