

## In this Issue:

### Graduate Education and Health

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This issue of the Journal focuses on education and public health. In this instance, we refer to higher education: training the healthcare workforce to operate in the realm of individual medicine and population health. We also take a look at the 2020 County Health Rankings data, National Public Health Week, and the National Institutes of Health “All of Us” Research Program.

But there is an elephant in the room.

“Unprecedented.”

“Extraordinary.”

“Unparalleled.”

The global COVID-19 pandemic is unfolding as this issue of the Delaware Journal of Public Health is in final edit mode. These are unusual times indeed, as the staff of the Academy/DPHA is all working from home, meetings are being conducted online, and numerous programs and educational activities have been postponed until the risk has passed or cancelled entirely.

Fortunately, we had a plan in place for situations such as this, and our transition was relatively easy. These times are unlike any other, as the profession of public health is taking center stage. The critical components of public health including (but not limited to) surveillance, epidemiology, infectious disease control and prevention, occupational health and safety, communications strategies, and global health are in the forefront of media broadcasts, social media posts, and people everywhere are educating themselves on these key areas. More people than ever understand what the nature of our work is, and ultimately that is a good thing.

Three new terms have been ingrained into our vocabulary, and will likely be forever quoted when we look back on this crisis:

~~Social~~ Physical Distancing and social cohesiveness

Flattening the Curve

Pandemic

We are in the thick of this “invisible blizzard” that is disrupting the very fabric of our reality. And there will be, in time, a “morning after,” when we pick up the pieces, gather the lessons learned, and apply that new knowledge to the practice of public health. And we will be stronger for it as this common foe has forced us to care for each other over compete with each other. The Great Depression (1929 to 1933) and Great Recession (2007 to 2009) caused fundamental changes in society to occur. It is up to call of us to help shape the changes ahead for the better of everyone, in Delaware, in the United States, and globally.

More than ever before – we welcome your feedback. Subsequent issues of the Journal will contain COVID-19 information, research, and retrospectives.

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