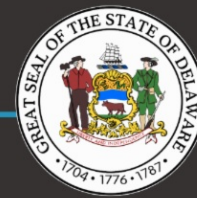




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Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long joins Attorney General Kathy Jennings, state officials, and advocates to announce a new program to reduce opioid deaths in Delaware

Delaware Launches Groundbreaking Pilot Program to Reduce Opioid Deaths

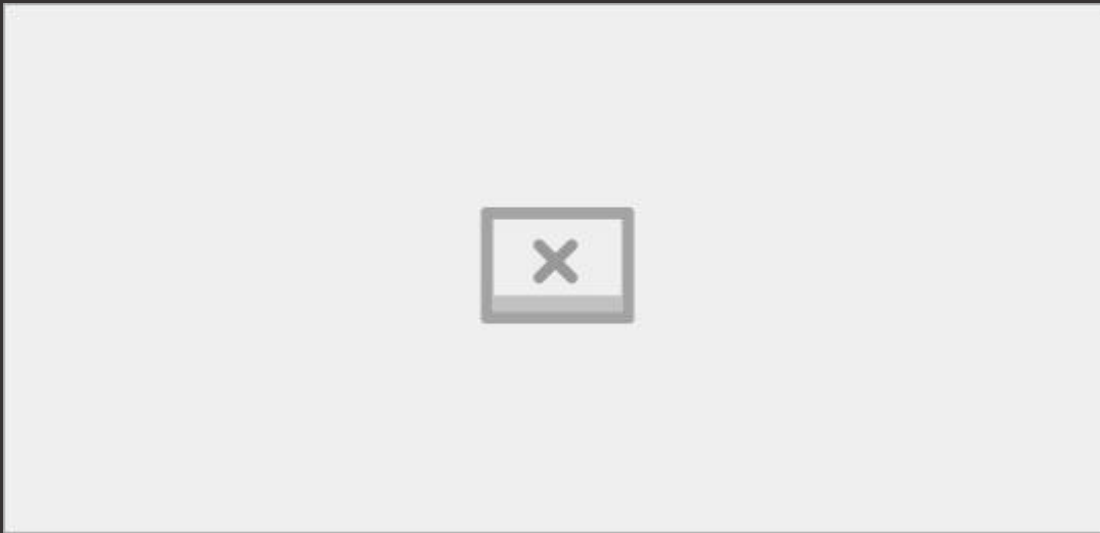
The opioid crisis touches every corner and community in our state.

That's why I announced this week that Delaware will be the first in the nation to pilot a new harm reduction program designed to reduce lethal overdoses and save lives. Starting this holiday weekend, Delaware will be the first to offer a test strip to screen substances for fentanyl AND xylazine, a non-opioid tranquilizer that can lead to open wounds and amputation. Unlike fentanyl, there is no reversal agent for xylazine, making it even more crucial to detect.

This test strip, developed by Delaware-based SIVAD Diagnostics, is another tool to reduce harm to our residents and empower people to take their health into their own hands without stigma. This pilot program is aimed at supporting Delaware residents on the journey to recovery and will roll out statewide at Brandywine Counseling clinic locations and on the ground with Dr. Sandra Gibney and the Syringe Services Program.

Test Strip
Locations

Roe v. Wade: A Call to Action



Last week, we marked the one year anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. The decision was an attack on the freedom of women to make decisions about their bodies, and an attack on basic human rights. Make no mistake - abortion care is healthcare. In Delaware, it's up to all of us to protect reproductive freedom for everyone, regardless of their background or income. I hope you take a moment to watch the video above as a call to action for all of us to fight back together. We must not and will not back down.

Commemorating Freedom on Juneteenth



Earlier this month, I joined the Delaware Juneteenth Association and the Delaware Black Chamber of Commerce to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans more than 155 years ago. As we look to the past and the progress we have made, we must also look forward to the work we still have left to do to ensure equality and freedom for all.

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Affordable Internet Access for All



Internet Access is no longer a luxury for families, it's a necessity. That's why I joined Governor Carney and community leaders this month to encourage Delawareans to check their eligibility for free or low-cost internet options. Starting this summer, libraries across Delaware will be hosting free enrollment events so residents can receive assistance, learn about the program, and assess their eligibility. To take the first step, Delawareans can go to getacp.org/delaware to assess their eligibility and prepare application materials. Find out more below.

Find Out More
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Delaware Skills Center Nursing School Graduation Ceremony



I recently had the opportunity to join Delaware Skills Center nursing school graduates to offer a few words of advice and encouragement during their graduation ceremony. As my father used to say, "To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is Expected." As a nurse, I've come to live by this phrase. Giving back to others and sacrificing time and energy to committing to goals is what nurses do. I wish you all the very best in your careers. I know you will be a great asset to the nursing community and the people you serve!

A. Philip Randolph Institute Prayer Breakfast



It is always an honor joining the A. Philip Randolph Institute for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast. This year's theme was "Celebrating King as we Honor Coretta", celebrating African American women firsts in Delaware. There were so many incredible honorees who helped make Delaware the great state it is today. Congratulations to all of the honorees and thank you for all you do.



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