



In Uncertain Times, We Grow Stronger TOGETHER

As we have watched events unfold around the world over the last several weeks and now with the increasing concern regarding the COVID-19 in the United States and within our own community, we are feeling the uncertainty and anxiety of the moment. Thankfully, we belong to a greater community that cares for one another.

In an abundance of caution, to protect individual health, help stem the spread of this virus and in accordance with CDC guidelines, the **Jewish Federation of Delaware** staff will be working remotely and are fully accessible to the community. You may email me at seth@shalomdel.org to reach Federation or visit us online at ShalomDelaware.org where we will share updates on social services, community resources and other relevant information. **We have also made the decision to postpone or cancel all in-person events and committee meetings through Friday, May 1.** Efforts are already underway to reschedule as many of our major programs as possible.

The health and safety of our leadership, volunteers, staff and all our constituents remain our priority during the COVID-19 pandemic and as we pursue our mission, today and in the longer term. Federation continues to connect daily with our beneficiary agency leadership to address all emerging issues to ensure that the most vital services remain operational. Our desire is to minimize disruptions and to safeguard our most vulnerable populations as they continue to receive urgent services, including meal deliveries for isolated seniors, emergency counseling across all populations during this time of increasing uncertainty and assistance for those facing serious unforeseen financial crises.

If you have questions about the Coronavirus in Delaware please contact the Division of Public Health Call Center at 1-866-408-1899 or dphcall@delaware.gov, 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday-Friday. The call center is open to take questions from the public, schools, medical providers, state agencies and community organizations.

Sustaining and strengthening Federation's network of services in our local community is essential. These programs are in place 365 days a year in ordinary and extraordinary times. We thank all those who have supported the Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign throughout the years and have demonstrated faith in our life-saving and holy work that makes this all possible. We all rely on these programs and services; they have proven themselves during previous times of crisis and are a critical reminder that we stand together always for the greater good.

We are committed to monitoring the situation, making decisions based on the most current public health recommendations and keeping you informed. Our goal is to continue to serve the community in every way possible. We extend our prayers for those individuals around the world affected by the spread of COVID-19 and to the families who have lost loved ones.

In challenging times, people turn to the Federation and our network of community partners. Thanks to YOU, **#WeGrowStrongerTOGETHER**

L'Shalom,

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