## DNREC postpones public events

**DOVER, Del.** — As public health officials continue to monitor and respond to the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, the <u>Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control</u> is focused on taking a proactive and preventative approach to keep communities safe.

Governor John Carney has issued a <u>State of Emergency</u> <u>declaration</u> to help prepare for the spread of this disease. All state offices, parks and education centers remain open during normal operating hours at this time, but the Department is implementing social distancing measures.

On Friday, DNREC divisions and programs began postponing events in the next two weeks expected to have more than 100 attendees, to include volunteer cleanups, meetings and conferences scheduled. Events being postponed include the annual DuPont Nature Center spring cleanup scheduled for Saturday, March 14 and the annual beach grass planting at multiple beaches in the state scheduled for Saturday, March 21.

Additional events and programs, regardless of attendance numbers, may also be postponed.

Information about whether individual events are to be postponed or will continue will be posted to the <u>online events</u> <u>calendar</u>, <u>parks program calendar</u> and social media pages, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

For the latest information in Delaware, visit <a href="mailto:de.gov/coronavirus">de.gov/coronavirus</a>.

## **About DNREC**

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control protects and manages the state's natural resources, protects public health,

provides outdoor recreational opportunities and educates Delawareans about the environment. For more information, visit the <u>website</u> and connect with @DNREC on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> or <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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