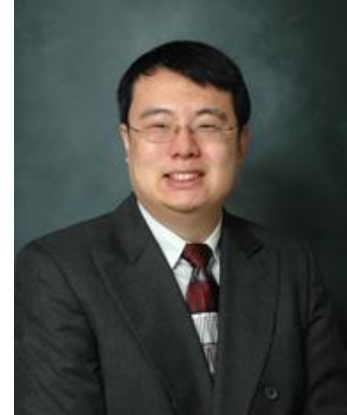


DELAWARE**Rick Hong, MD, FACEP****Acting Director, Division of Public Health**

Delaware Department of Health & Social Services



Dr. Rick Hong is Board Certified in Emergency Medicine and in Emergency Medical Services. He completed his Emergency Medicine Residency at Cooper University Hospital and is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Science in Economics in Health Care Management and Policy from the Wharton School.



Dr. Hong has been part of Delaware's Division of Public Health (DPH) team since 2005 as the Office of Preparedness Medical Director. In this role, he has provided medical expertise to fulfill the mission of statewide healthcare preparedness in the setting of mass-casualty incidents, including chemical, biological, radiation, nuclear, traumatic, and natural hazards; served as the Medical Director of the Delaware Medical Reserve Corp; acted as the Medical Liaison Officer in the Incident Command of the State Health Operations Center; and has chaired the Delaware Ethics Advisory Group. He has worked on numerous projects related to infectious diseases in both the public health and healthcare settings, such as H1N1 Influenza, Ebola, and Zika. In November 2018, he was appointed as the State Medical Director of DPH, bringing his expertise in healthcare logistics and operations, EMS and emergency preparedness, and public health to expand his responsibilities of protecting the public and the healthcare infrastructure from critical threats.