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# COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

1–2 pm



# Agenda

1. UD Responds
2. State of Delaware Update
3. How Can You Help?
4. UD Campus Updates
5. Research Continuation Guidance
6. Planning for the Future
7. Questions - Chat Function

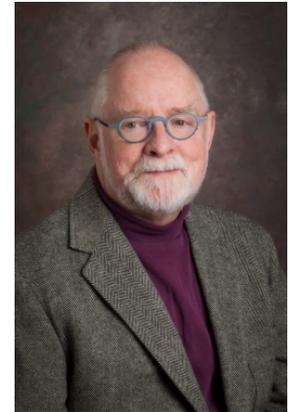
Communications—check website frequently (once per day)

<https://www.udel.edu/home/coronavirus/>

# COVID-19: UD Experts

Keeping an Eye on Fashion | *Sheng Lu & Marsha Dickson*

When History Goes Viral | *Jaipreet Virdi, Dael Norwood & Lawrence Duggan*



# UD Making A Difference

MakerNetwork, Engineering, Health Sciences and the Resident Ensemble Players 3D print and sew thousands of PPE.



# UD Gathering Perspectives on the Pandemic

University of Delaware faculty, staff and students are invited to share their personal experiences with the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic as part of a special project organized by University Archives and Records Management.

Visit the UD Archives [webpage](#)

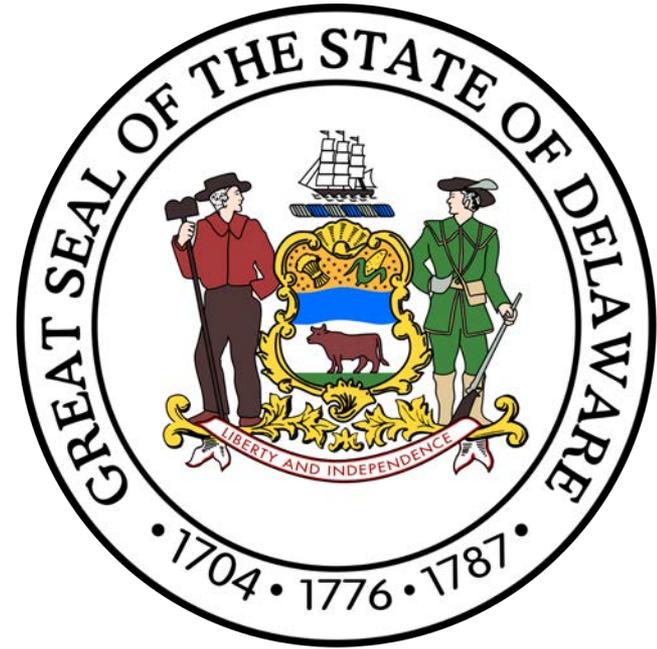


# State of Delaware Update

## Governor Carney and Five Governors (NY, NJ, PA, CT, RI) Announce Multi-State Council to Get People Back to Work and Restore the Economy

“..the state will not reopen until coronavirus cases and hospitalizations decrease for 14 days.”

“I’m still saying, stay at home. Stay safe. We’re still not out of this. We still have not peaked and we will do everything we can to open when the conditions are right.”



# COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 4/20/20



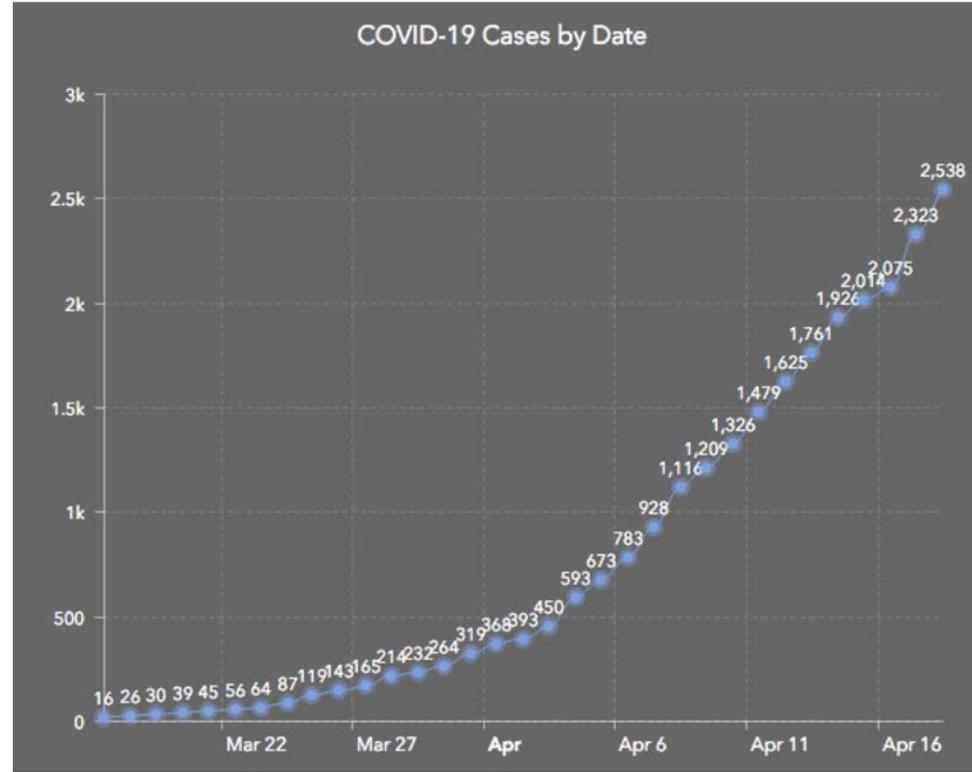
## I CAN HELP WITH SUPPLIES

My business, non profit, or myself can help with supplies the state needs.

## I NEED HELP WITH SUPPLIES

## I AM READY TO WORK

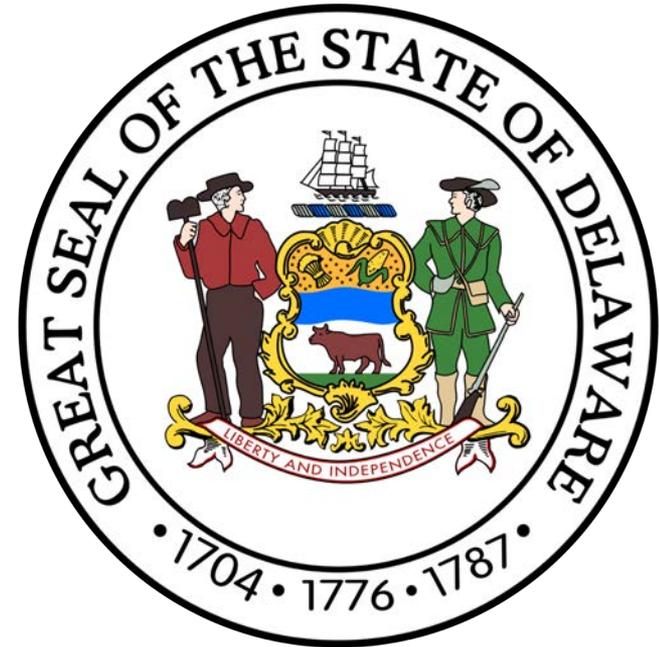
I am an individual, or a represent a non-profit or for profit, and can offer to work in education or early childhood, health care, or offer temporary staffing.



# State of Delaware Update

The Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Council (DEFAC) on Monday lowered its revenue estimate for this year (FY20) by **\$416 million, or 9%**, compared to its March estimate.

DEFAC also lowered its revenue estimates for **FY21 by \$273 million, or 6%**, compared to its March estimate.



# How Can You Help?

Many of our alumni, parents and friends have asked how they can help during this unprecedented time for the University community.

- Give to the Student Crisis Fund
- Provide Advice and Professional Experience
- Show Your Blue Hen Spirit and Strength #UDFromHome



# UD Campus Update

UD is enacting a **hiring freeze** on all current and future searches, academic and non-academic, effective immediately and until further notice.

Efforts should be made to delay start dates until work resumes on campus.

A more detailed document outlining the parameters of the hiring freeze is available here: <http://www.udel.edu/007290>

# UD Campus Update

**Grant- and contract-funded positions**, where full funding derives from external sources and the positions' continuity, are contingent upon availability of external funds (state of DE grants & contracts need be reviewed thoroughly).

**Graduate student stipends** funded as part of their education may continue. Current contracts and internal funding commitments will continue. New contracts can be written for teaching assistants, research assistants, and graduate assistants, if funding is available from internal or external sources.

**Work Study student employment** will continue within units' existing budgets.

# Upcoming Virtual Events for Graduate Students

April 21, 2020 | 1:30-2:30 pm - [Career Lab - Salary Negotiation Strategies](#)

April 21, 2020 | 4-5 pm - [Veterans/Enlisted Graduate Students Virtual Coffee Hour](#)

April 23, 2020 | 9 am and 3 pm - [Working During a Global Pandemic: Time Management Strategies \(TA Re-Orientation Series, Session 3\)](#)

April 23, 2020 | Noon-1:15 pm - [Being a Graduate Student of Color at a Predominately-White Institution Panel Discussion](#)

# Summer Undergraduate Research



Summer research programs will need to be virtual/distance learning experiences.

175 summer scholars accepted for S'20.

190 summer scholars participated in S'19

Summer fellows applications will open this week with a reminder forthcoming.

*Lynn Okagaki, Deputy Provost*

*Iain Crawford, Faculty Director, [Undergraduate Research Program](#)*

# Summer Field Placements

**Field placements in health care settings for graduate students (e.g., DNP; DPT; Epidemiology; Masters in Clinical Exercise Physiology)**

*Students must have the option to defer their placement until a later date.*

**Undergraduate and graduate student field placements in community-based organizations, schools and businesses.** Must be virtual internships. Plan for the entire summer to be remote. *UD will revisit this decision at the end of May.*

**Field placements in non-UD research settings for graduate students.**

Student continue working remotely. *We will revisit this decision when UD sets criteria for opening our research labs.*

# Research Continuance Guidance



## Federal Agency Guidance on COVID -19's Impact on Proposals

Agency Name	Late Proposal Acceptance Guidance	Allowability of salaries and other project activities	Late SAM Registration	Other Program Costs
OMB M-20-17	<p><b>YES</b> – Agencies may accept late applications.</p> <p>OMB allows awarding agencies to provide flexibility for submission of competing applications (solicited and unsolicited). See OMB Memorandum M-20-17, Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impact</p>	<p><b>YES</b> – Agencies may permit charging of salaries of idled staff.</p> <p>OMB permits awarding agencies to charge salaries and benefits to active award, provided that the recipient has a policy in place for paying salaries under extraordinary conditions applicable to all funding sources.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> – Agencies may permit late SAM registration.</p> <p>Current registrants in SAM with active registrations expiring before May 16, 2020 will be afforded a one-time extension of 60 days.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> – Agencies may allow certain costs.</p> <p>OMB permits awarding agencies to allow costs necessary resume activities.</p>

# Research Continuance Guidance

*If the research is specifically focused on COVID-19, then controlled lab access as necessary would be provided with the understanding the PI commits to ensuring best practices in physical distancing for all coworkers on the award.*

[NIH COVID Funding Opportunities](#) Specific to COVID-19 Response

[NSF RAPID](#) Program. Awards up to \$200K for (up to) 1 year.

A group of VC's are putting up \$10M for [COVID-19 related research projects](#). Fast Grants are \$10K to \$500K and decisions are made in under 48 hours.

# Planning for the Future

## Principles

Safety and wellbeing of all members of the UD community.

Academic mission of UD.

Maintaining our staffing.



Public Health Professionals and Science will drive our decision-making. “...you don't make the timeline, the virus makes the timeline” Dr. Anthony Fauci

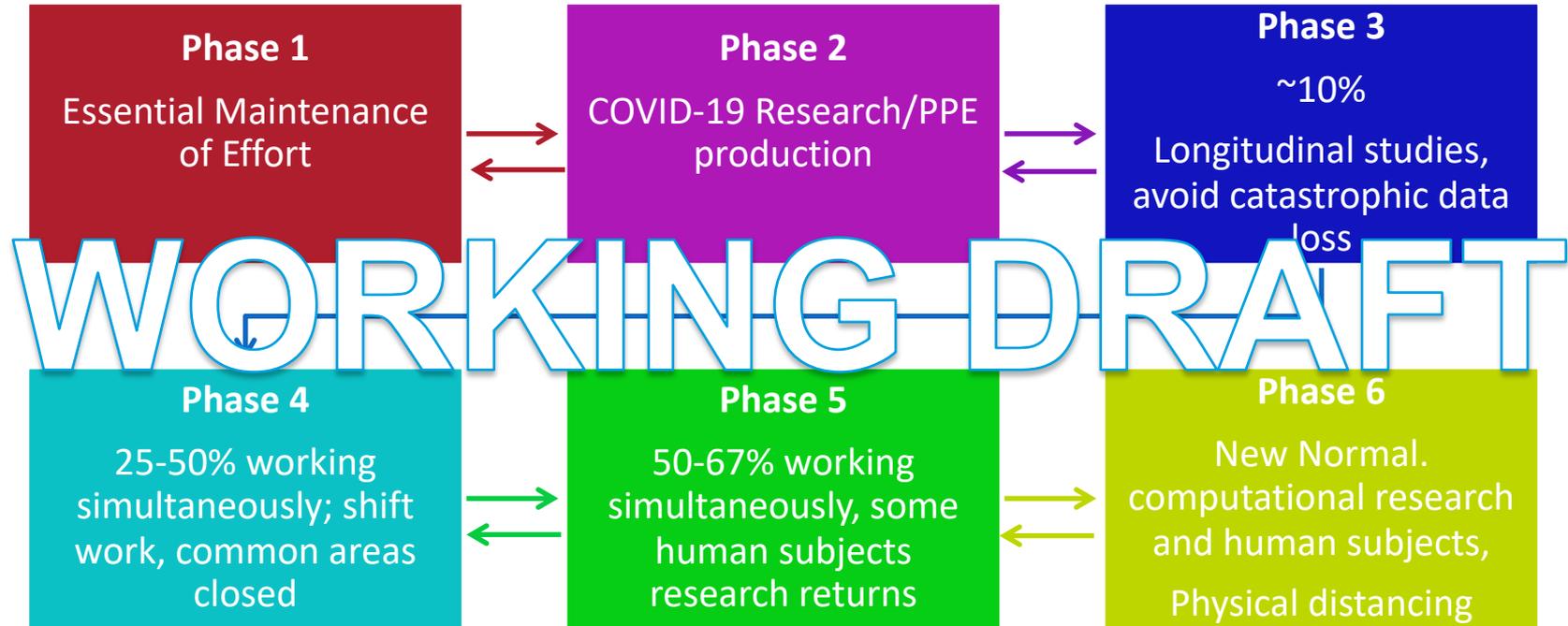
# Planning for the Future

- Dependent upon Governor's Exec. Orders
- Diagnostic and Antibody Testing
- Grant access in fair and transparent ways
- Ramping-up in phases
- Physical distancing will remain in place
- Personal protective equipment
- Advance a commitment to individual and community responsibility.



# Planning for the Future

## Ramping-Up in Phases



# Advocacy for Investments in Federal Research



*...agencies should be given supplemental appropriations equal to **30 percent** of their extramural research budgets for FY2020 to be used to cover requests for research grant/contract supplements due to COVID-19 related impacts.*

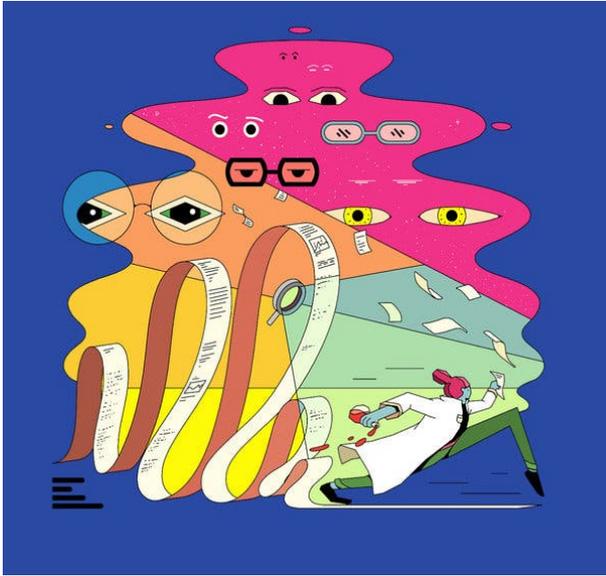
## **What can I do?**

Share APLU/AAU/ACE/AAMC guidance with your professional societies and organizations, so that higher education is communicating a unified message to Congress.

STUDIES SHOW

# Research Communications

## Coronavirus Is Forcing Medical Research to Speed Up



*Being able to access dependable health advice has never felt more important, or challenging.*

*Elite journals with hefty paywalls, including Science, The Lancet, JAMA and the New England Journal of Medicine, have made coronavirus content free online.*

*Natural Tension: it's difficult to say whether a preprint is "reliable and dependable and true," vs. researchers sharing preliminary work may be helping the scientific community as a whole collaborate more efficiently and effectively.*

# Research Communications

## #UDFromHome

*How are your students, coworkers and you adapting research to work from home?*

*What strategies/innovations facilitate your work?*

*What strategies are working to support your physical and mental health?*

Email Tracey Bryant, Sr. Director for Research Communications, [tbryant@udel.edu](mailto:tbryant@udel.edu) or your college communicators.

**#UDFromHome**  
UD researchers share experiences and inspirations for moving forward while staying at home.

**UD Research**  
Congratulations to #UDel's LaShanda Korley, now a fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering! <https://t.co/cvQbKpuVAX> @aimbe @UDEngineering @DrLkorley <https://t.co/YvNlUor5ZL>  
3 DAYS AGO

**Louis Frank Rossi**  
As I am working this evening, I am listening to #Apollo13 audio loops live from 50 yrs ago. It's mission day 5. The crew is returning to Earth in their crippled spacecraft.  
#Inspiration #UDFromHome <https://t.co/tgmrLY2n1>  
4 DAYS AGO

**UD Research**  
We are tremendously proud of the creative, compassionate ways our #UDel community is contributing during this #COVID19 pandemic. <https://t.co/SMtj5GUZJA> @UDEngineering @UDCHS #MakerGym #UDelProud <https://t.co/Tv5VLF0E5e>  
5 DAYS AGO

**Virtual Town Hall**  
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE RESEARCH OFFICE  
Tuesdays — 1-2p.m.  
The Research Office will host a Virtual Town Hall Tuesday April 21, 1-2 p.m., for important updates for the research community.

# Supporting Our Community

- Students can contact the Center for Counseling & Student Development at (302) 831-2141 or (302) 831-1001 for after-hours emergencies, or Student Health Services at (302) 831-2226.
- Faculty and staff may contact the Employee Assistance Program within Human Resources at (302) 831-2171 and/or their health care provider.

# Questions

Submit your questions via  
the Zoom Chat

