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COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

1–2 pm



Agenda

1. State of Delaware Updates
2. UD Campus Updates
3. Information for Graduate Students
4. Research Continuation Guidance
5. Planning for the Future
6. Questions - Chat Function

Communications—check website frequently (once per day)

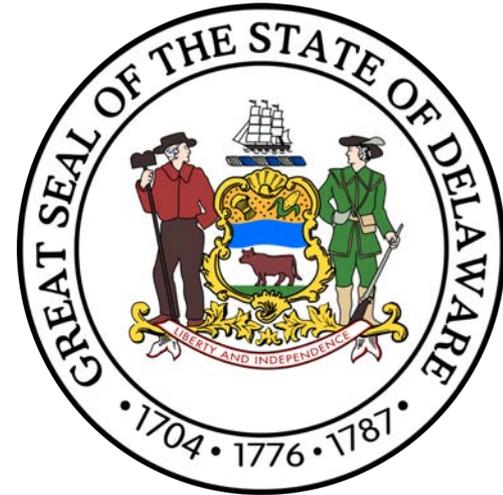
<https://www.udel.edu/home/coronavirus/>

State of Delaware Update

Governor's 13th Executive Order: Face Coverings Required in Public

A “face covering” means a soft cloth or fabric covering that fully covers a person’s nose and mouth, not a medical-grade mask. The term includes scarves and bandanas.

- The face covering directive does not apply to children 12 or younger.
- Starting May 1, employers require employees to wear a face covering.
- Requires businesses to provide face coverings and hand sanitizer to their employees, as well as deny entry to people who do not have a face covering.



COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 4/28/20

Positive Cases
4,575

Total Deaths
136
Statewide

Total Recovered
1,096
Statewide

Hospitalizations
337
Statewide

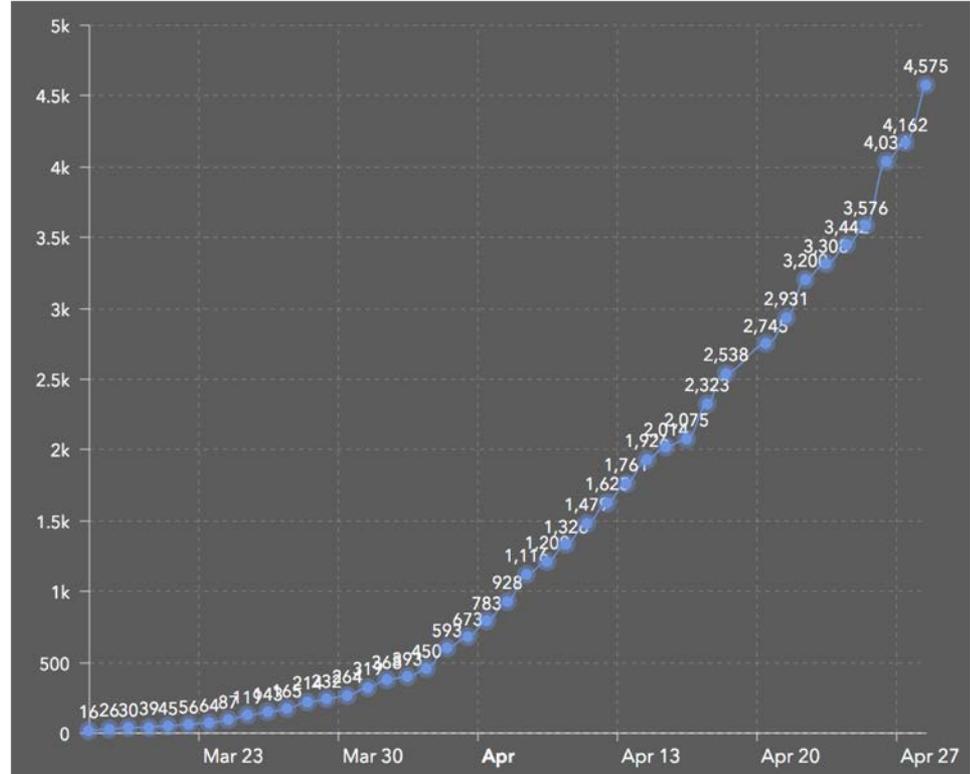
I CAN HELP WITH SUPPLIES

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

I NEED HELP WITH SUPPLIES

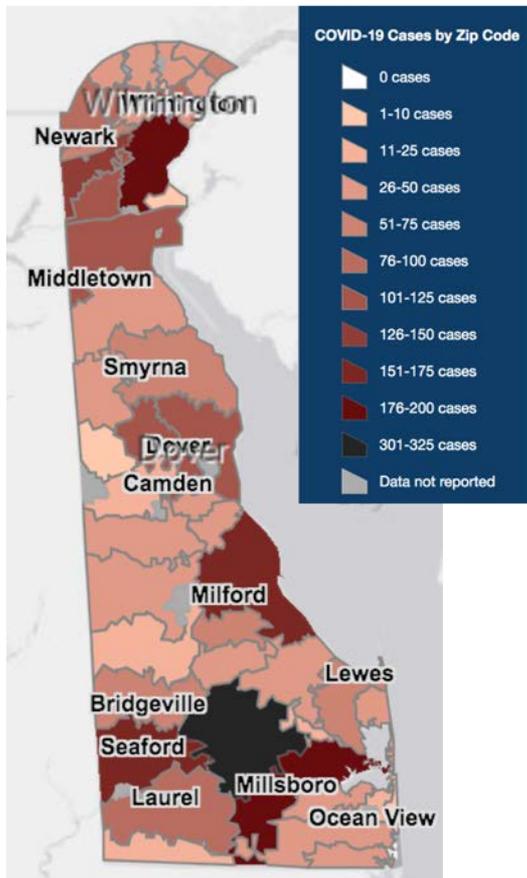
I AM READY TO WORK

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.



COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 4/28/20



New Castle County:
1,701 positive cases

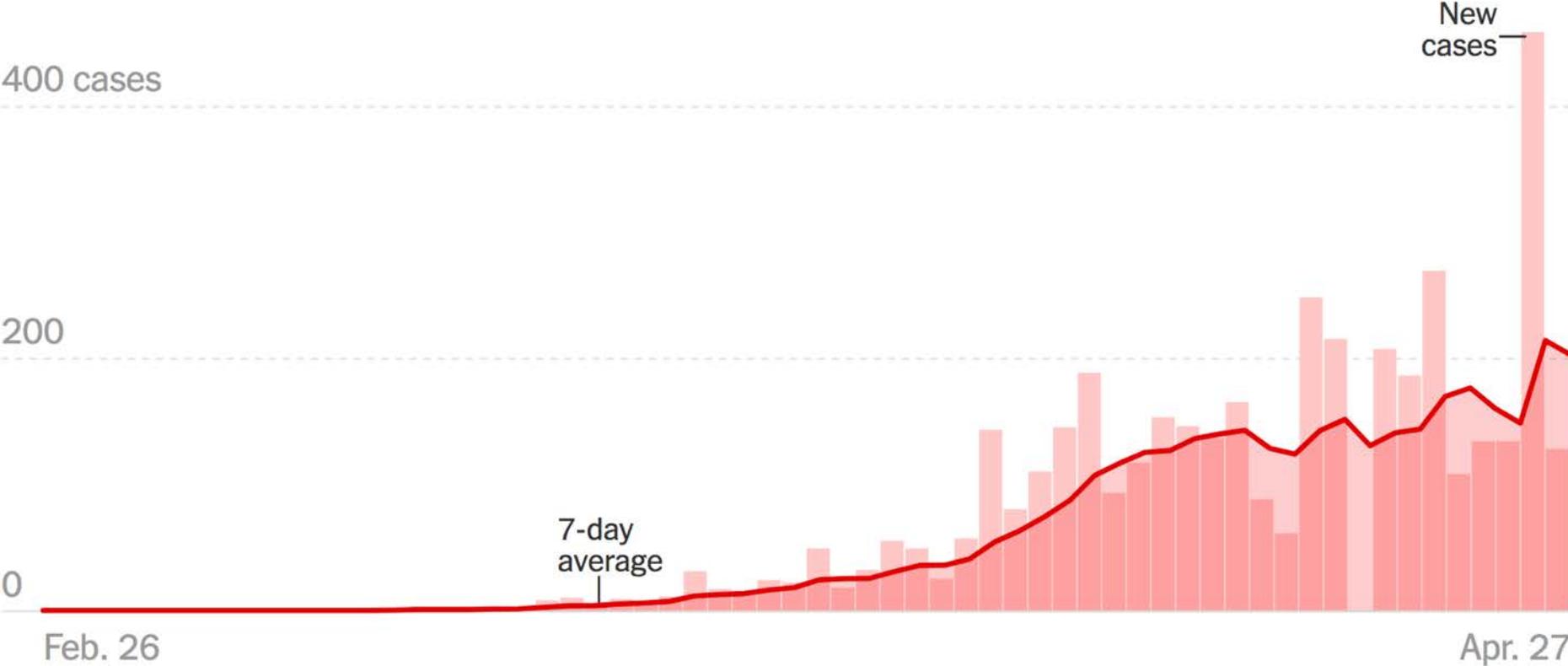
Kent County:
728 positive cases

Unknown County:
32 positive cases

Sussex County:
2,114 positive cases

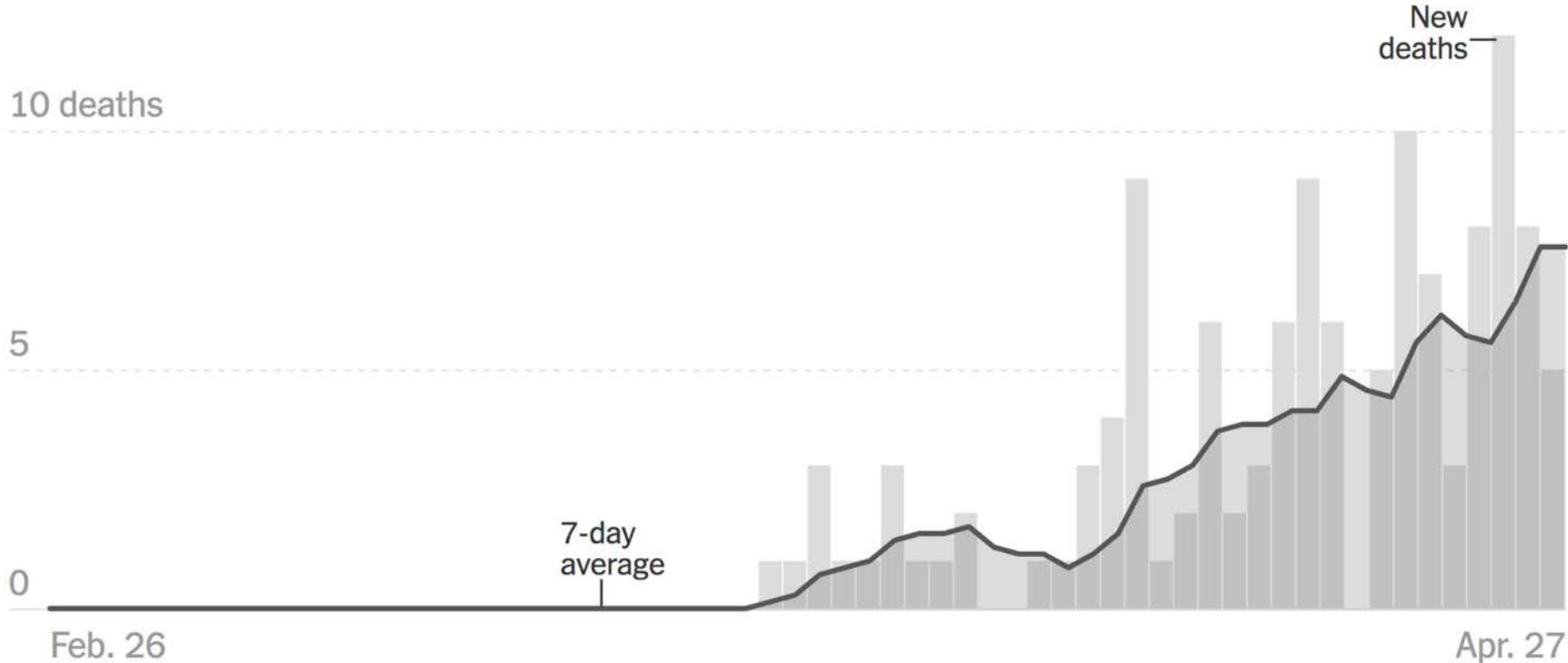
New reported cases by day in Delaware

Data reported 4/27/20



New reported deaths by day in Delaware

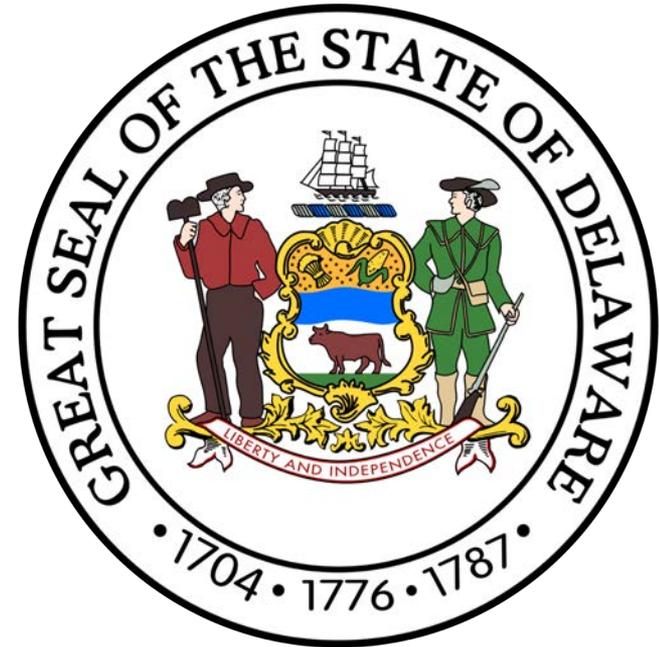
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State of Delaware Update

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.



UD Campus Update

April 27th Updates from President Assanis



Principled Decision Making

Caring for Our People: We will prioritize the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff, as well as the greater Delaware community.

Cultivating Academic Excellence and Enrichment: As a world-class institution, we will continue to ensure that teaching, research, scholarship and service thrive as cornerstones of human and intellectual development.

Invigorating Our Mission for Positive Change: As a community of idea giants, our faculty, students and staff are bold and resilient, and will always seek ways to remain agile and persevere through challenge with efficiency and innovation.

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.

UD Campus Update

Capital Projects

Ongoing projects will continue.

Projects in planning and design will be reevaluated.

No new capital projects will be approved.

Deferred maintenance spending will be reduced to an amount necessary only to maintain operations.



UD Campus Update

Travel Restrictions

All UD travel remains suspended.

Only essential travel will resume once governmental restrictions are lifted.

Discretionary Spending

All spending not deemed critical is suspended.

This includes food/meals, events, memberships, hiring of outside consultants, contracts, and purchase of equipment, among other categories.



UD Campus Update

Staff Realignment

All departments have been asked to evaluate work capacity among staff to ensure efficient use of resources.

Summer 2020

All in-person summer activities, programs and conferences that were slated to begin prior to August 1 are canceled or converted to online offerings; summer classes will continue via distance learning.



UD Campus Update

Looking Ahead

Task Force established to plan for 2020-21 academic year.

Update in early June.

Virtual General Faculty/Town Hall Mtg

President Assanis

May 11th

Information for Graduate Students



Feedback Requested: Graduate Student Survey

The transition to remote learning has been an adjustment for all of us. Please let us know how you are doing in this environment by answering a few questions. ([more...](#))

Resilience Course on Coursera

In order to support you in this time of uncertainty, the UPenn is sharing this free version of Dr. Karen Reivich's "Resilience Skills" course from the Specialization Foundations of Positive Psychology. ([more...](#))



Upcoming Events for Graduate Students

April 27, 2020 | 3:30–5 pm - [Virtual BiSA Career Panel](#)

We have four panelists from academia, healthcare and industry.

April 29–May 1, 2020 - [GradFUTURES Virtual Forum](#)

The goal of the GradFUTURES Virtual Forum is to accelerate connectivity among and between graduate students, faculty, staff, alumni and leaders.

May 1, 2020 | 9 am–1 pm - [Write-On-Site & Goals Meeting](#)

We are a group of graduate students interested in helping each other to provide peer support for writing!

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

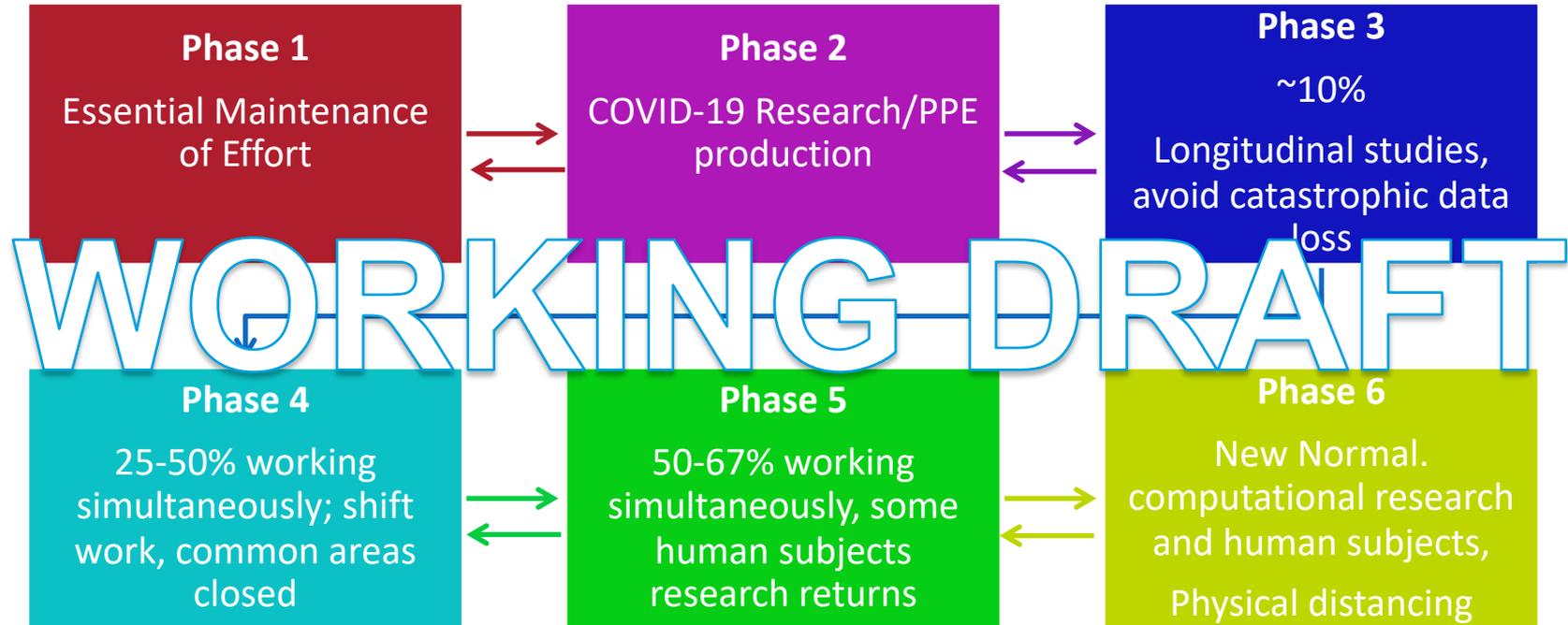
Planning for the Future

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



Planning for the Future

Ramping-Up in Phases



Planning for the Future

Ramping-Up in Phases

- Lead time for phases to permit for planning.
- Access requests reviewed by chairs, deans and approved by VPR/Provost.
- Access to buildings/facilities will be highly controlled.
- Solely, non-human subject field-based work must ensure physical distancing.
- UD intends to procure PPE centrally. Individual PIs/labs should not procure their own. Face masks must be worn.

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



Research Communications

#UDFromHome

What ways are you reaching out to the K-12 community? If you are participating in Skype a Scientist or a related program, please contact us.

What strategies/innovations facilitate your work?

What strategies are working to support your physical/mental health?

#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/yvNIUor5ZL>
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/5Mqj5GUZJA> @UDengineering @UDCHS #MakerGym #UDelProud <https://t.co/Tv5VLF0E5e>
5 DAYS AGO

Virtual Town Hall
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.

Email Tracey Bryant, Sr. Director for Research Communications, tbryant@udel.edu or your college communicators.

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

