

(The Meeting is Being Recorded for Posting Online)

COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

1–2 pm



Agenda

1. State of Delaware Updates
2. UD Campus Updates
3. COVID-19 in Delaware
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/>

COVID-19: UD Responds

[Caring for Family Treasures](#) | *Art Conservation*

a weekly blog, “Attics and Basements and Closets, Oh My! Caring for Family Treasures.”



In the days before the coronavirus required social distancing, first-year Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation students Rachel Bissonnette (left) and Nylah Byrd examine an album.

Middle States Self-Study

Middle States Steering Committee

[DRAFT Report Available](#)

Online Comments through June 1st

Virtual Town Halls

Friday, May 8, 3:30-5 p.m., Standards I, II, VII and Executive Summary

Friday, May 15, 3:30-5 p.m., Standards III and V

Tuesday, May 19, 4-5:30 p.m., Standards IV and VI



Inspira Health workers wearing UD 3D-printed face shields.

Graduate College Dean Search

Open to Internal Candidates only.

UDaily announcement tomorrow with information on how to apply and make nominations.

Deadline is May 22, 2020.

Interviews will be in June, with appointment commencing July 1st.

Search Committee membership unchanged.



GRADUATE COLLEGE



Meet-and-Greet: Thursday, May 7th 4:30-6 p.m.

Hackathon: Friday, May 8th 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Online Hackathon will focus on Delaware-specific challenges related to the ongoing pandemic. This **is not** an epidemiological hackathon. Examining how the COVID-19 crisis and local response is affecting Delaware including:

- Effectiveness of the Delaware response to COVID-19 compared to similar/neighboring states
- Support and resources for the UDel community
- Environmental impact of the shutdown

Research Collaborations Webinar

Monday, May 19, 10 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://udel.zoom.us/j/92444075802>

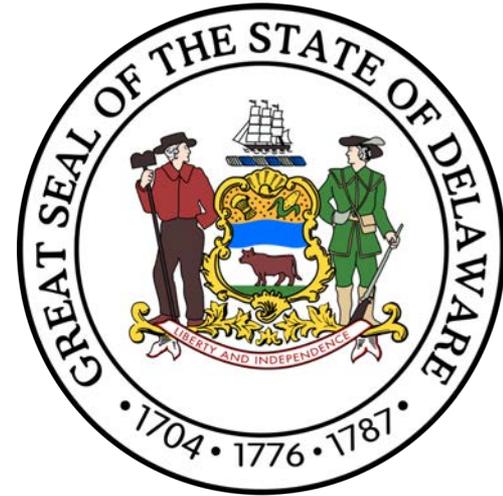
Discuss research, share resources and find new ways to collaborate. We're talking big data, digital methods and new approaches to social science methodology.

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 5/4/20

Deaths

State of Delaware

182

(1.5 per 10,000 people)

Current Hospitaliza...

State of Delaware

281

Recovered

State of Delaware

1,716

Positive Cases

State of Delaware

5,288

(54.9 per 10,000 people)

Tested Negative

State of Delaware

18,822

Positive Cases (County Level)

Click on the county to view its COVID-19 tracker data

New Castle County

1,934

(32.8 per 10,000 people)

Kent County

833

(47.9 per 10,000 people)

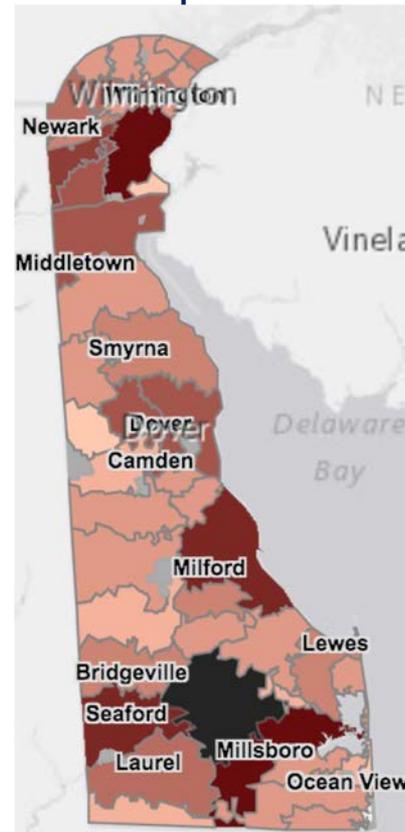
Sussex County

2,497

(131.1 per 10,000 people)

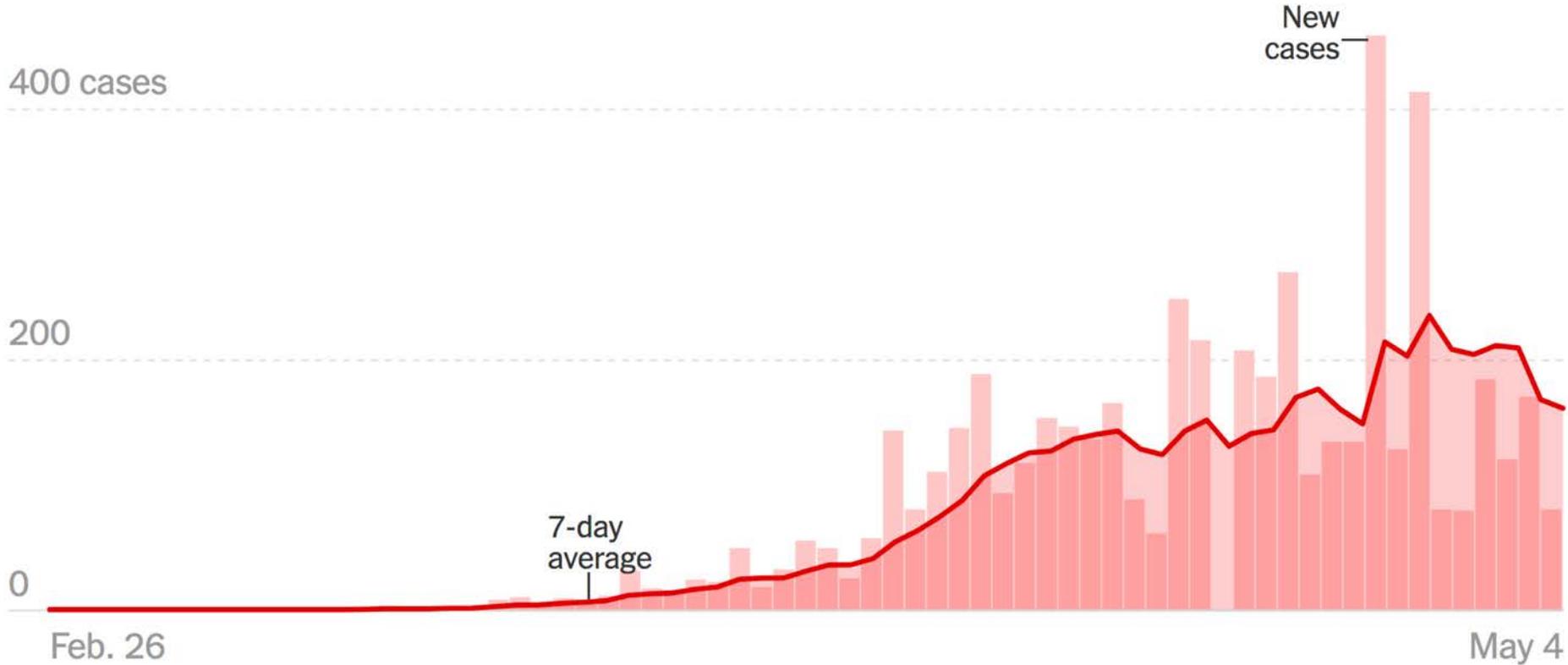
Unknown County

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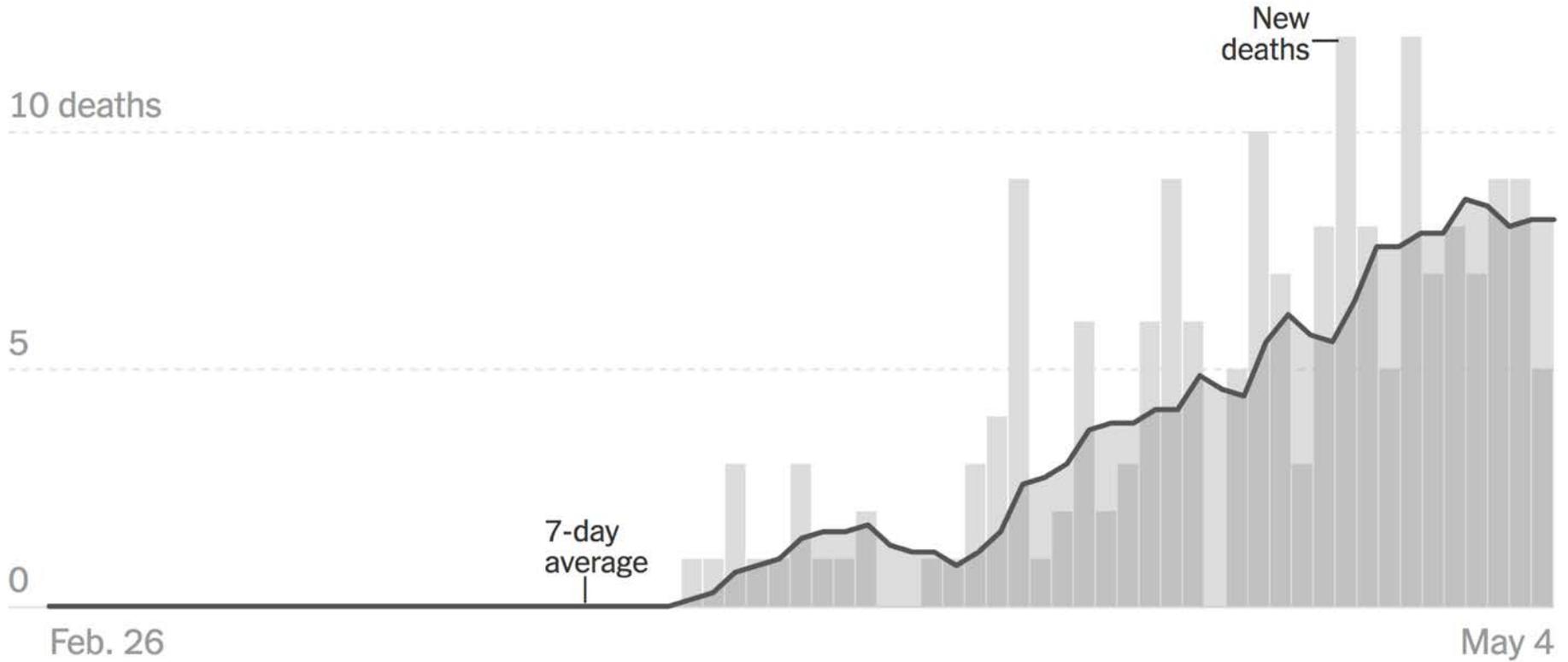
New reported cases by day in Delaware

Data reported 5/4/20



New reported deaths by day in Delaware

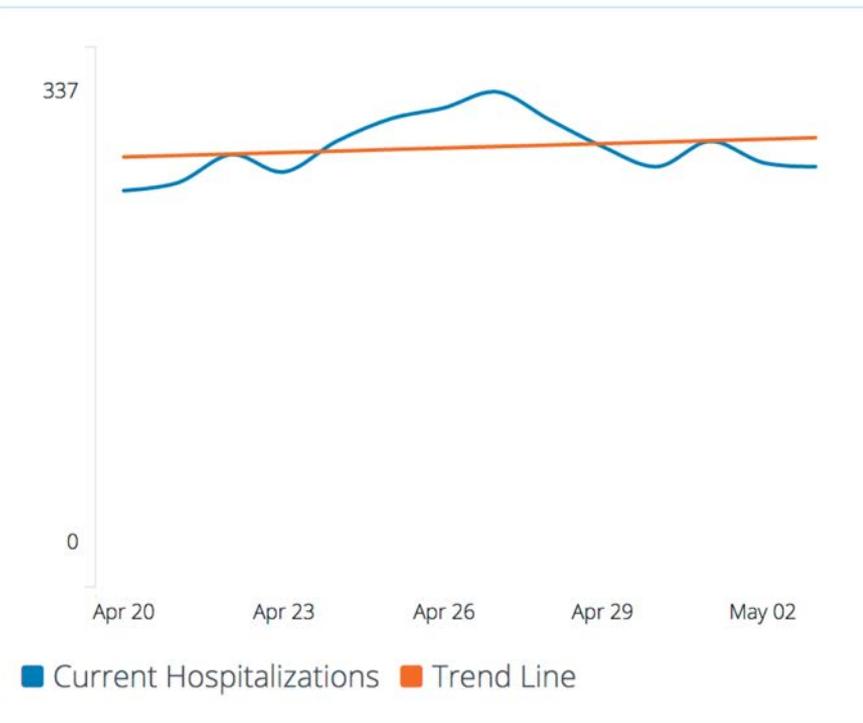
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State Gating Criteria and Metrics

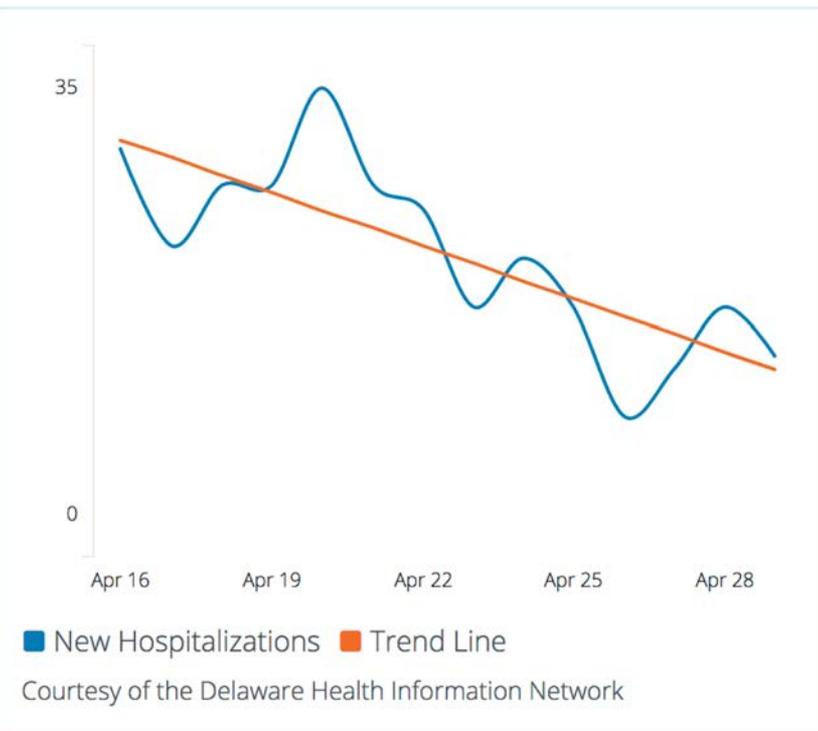
Current Hospitalizations

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New Hospitalizations

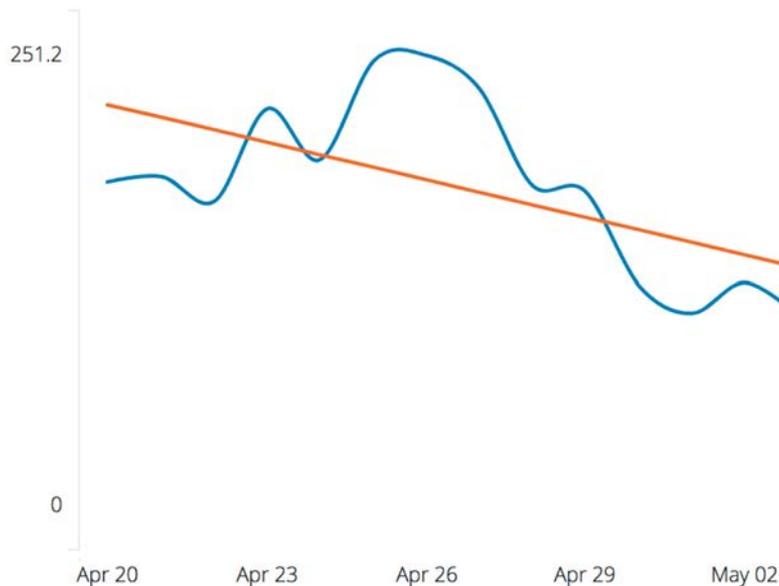
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State Gating Criteria and Metrics

New Positive Cases (5-Day Average)

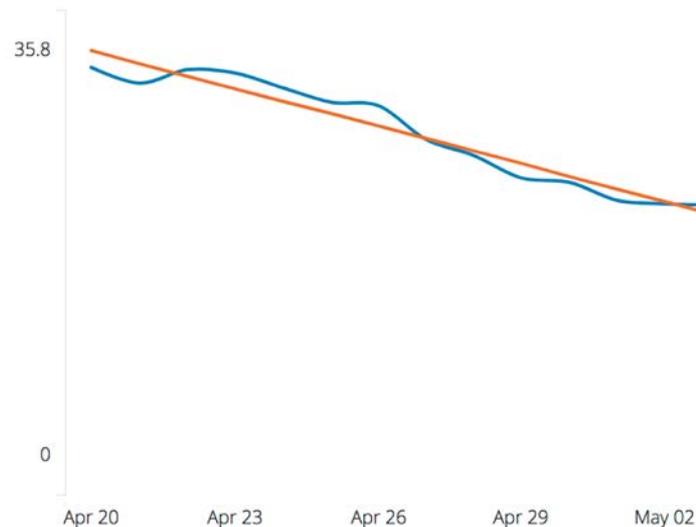
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■ New Positive Cases (5-Day Average) ■ Trend Line

Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive (5-Day Average)

LAST UPDATE: 05/03/2020



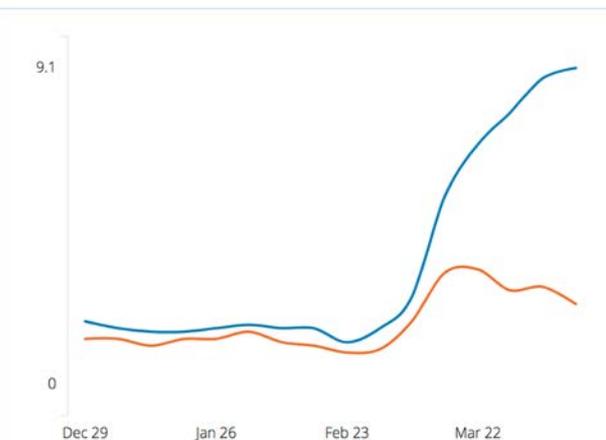
■ Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive (5-Day Average)
■ Trend Line

COVID-19: Delaware

State Gating Criteria and Metrics

Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI) by week

LAST UPDATE: 05/03/2020



■ Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI) by week
 ■ Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) by week

Delaware's PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) Inventory Status

■ 2 Weeks+ ■ 1-2 Weeks ■ Critical

N95 Mask 2 Weeks+	Isolation Mask/Procedural-Ear Loop 1-2 Weeks	Surgical Mask 1-2 Weeks	Surgical Mask with Face Shields Critical
Face Shield 2 Weeks+	Glasses/Goggles 2 Weeks+	Fluid Resistant Gown and/or Isolation Gown Critical	Gloves Critical

UD Campus Update

May 4th Updates



Salary Freezes—Effective July 1, 2020

Salary base for all UD employees is frozen for Fiscal Year 2021.

All members of the UD senior leadership team: 5-10% cuts.

Exceptions will be made for faculty and staff promotions that have already been approved.

Discussions ongoing with respective unions regarding contractually mandated raises covered under collective bargaining agreements.

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.

- [Blue Hen Strong Fund](#)
- [COVID-19 Employee Emergency Relief Fund](#)



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

3 pm

[Register here](#)

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

External Conditions—Drive Phasing of Research Ramp Up

Governor's Executive Orders

Travel Restrictions

Local/regional COVID-19 case trends

Local/regional COVID-19 hospitalization trends

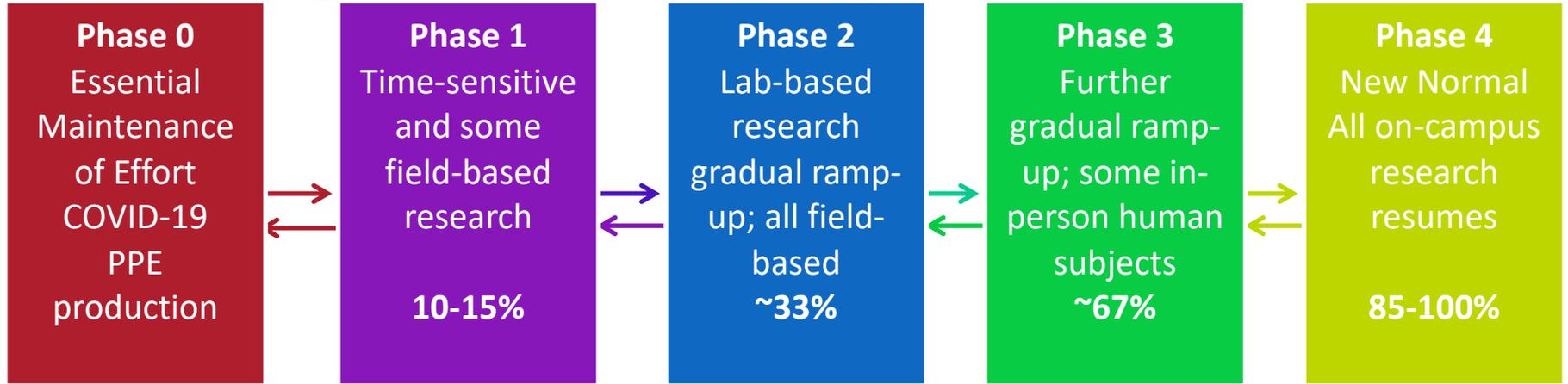
Availability of COVID-19 testing

Availability of personal protective equipment

Planning for the Future

Ramping-Up in Phases

WORKING DRAFT



Working from home whenever possible

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.

Planning for the Future

How Will Campus Be Different?



Daily health questionnaire and on-site temperature checks

Cloth masks are the norm

Access to buildings/facilities will be highly controlled

Common areas/shared spaces remain closed

Lower density places greater emphasis on safety protocols

Research Communications

What research are you doing on COVID-19?

What innovative approaches are you taking to working remotely?

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

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

#UDFromHome

Doug White
Not all 3D prints go as planned, I like to call this my "experience pile" #UDFromHome
<https://t.co/YGSuAm7Onr>

UD Research
#UDel freshman Leia Méndez has composed a musical tribute to the Hubble Telescope to mark its 30th anniversary. Its @NSTA premiere is Wednesday! <https://t.co/UEJR0F8KdN> @NASAHubble @udcas #Hubble30 <https://t.co/2m8YHZZvAu>

Art Trembanis
Ear savers have been flying off the 3D printer and going out to local groups and neighbors. Thanks to @fish_scientist for the .stl model file. Making for good. <https://t.co/Qj5AQqWZ5>

Virtual Town Hall
Tuesdays — 1-2p.m.
The Research Office will host a Virtual Town Hall Tuesday May 5, 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

