

(The Meeting is Being Recorded for Posting Online)

COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

1–2 pm



Agenda

1. Announcements
2. State of Delaware Updates
3. UD Campus Updates
4. Planning for the Future
5. Questions - Chat Function

Communications—check website frequently

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

Middle States Self-Study

Middle States Steering Committee

[DRAFT Report Available](#)

Online Comments through June 1st

Virtual Town Halls

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](#) 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.

Research Collaborations Webinar

Tuesday, May 19, 10 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://udel.zoom.us/j/93364465386>

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

The Indomitable Class of 2020

Virtual Celebration

Saturday, May 30, 11 a.m.



COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 5/11/20

Deaths

State of Delaware

225

(1.9 per 10,000 people)

Current Hospitalizatio...

State of Delaware

275

Recovered

State of Delaware

2,619

Positive Cases

State of Delaware

6,565

(68.3 per 10,000 people)

Tested Negative

State of Delaware

25,363

Positive Cases (County Level)

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

New Castle County

2,390

(40.6 per 10,000 people)

Kent County

1,044

(59.4 per 10,000 people)

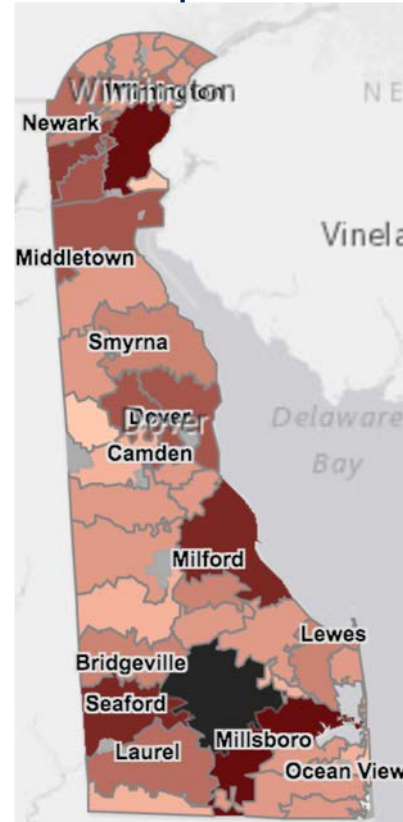
Sussex County

3,091

(162.1 per 10,000 people)

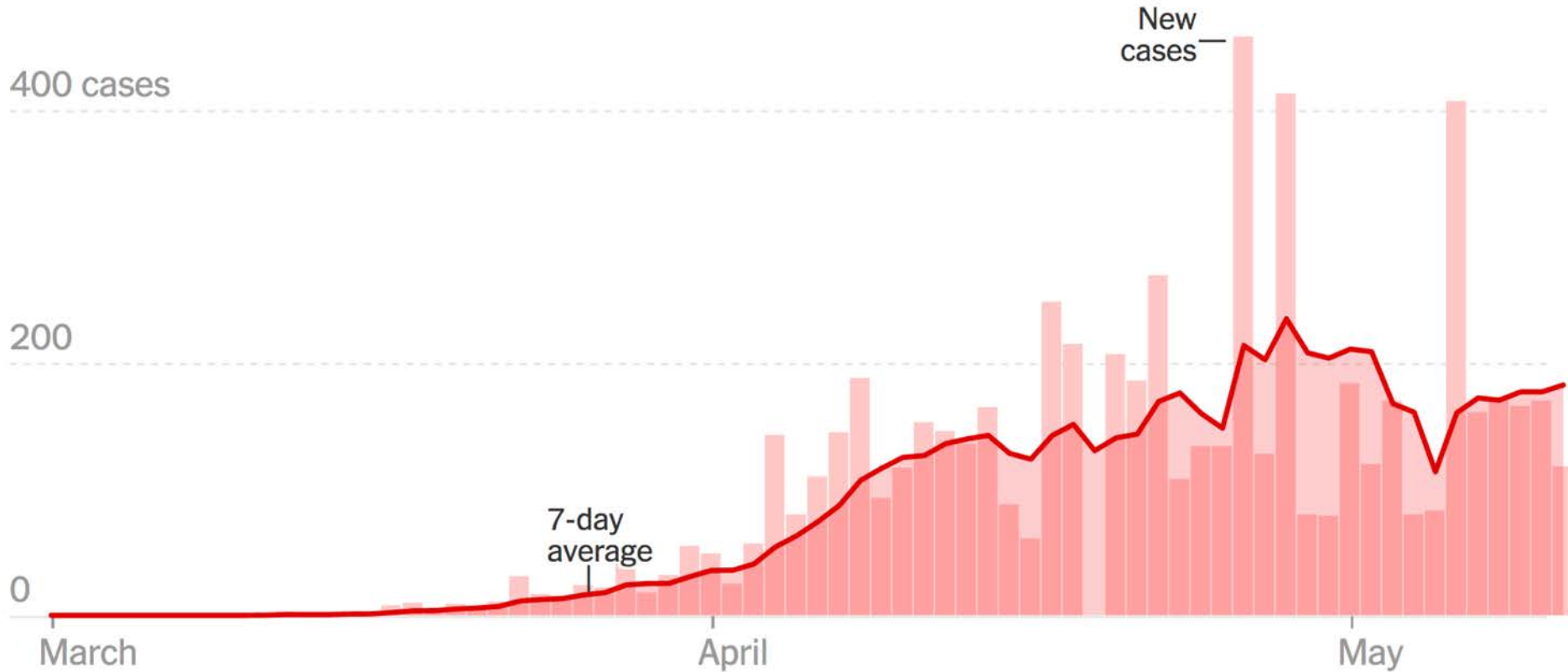
Unknown County

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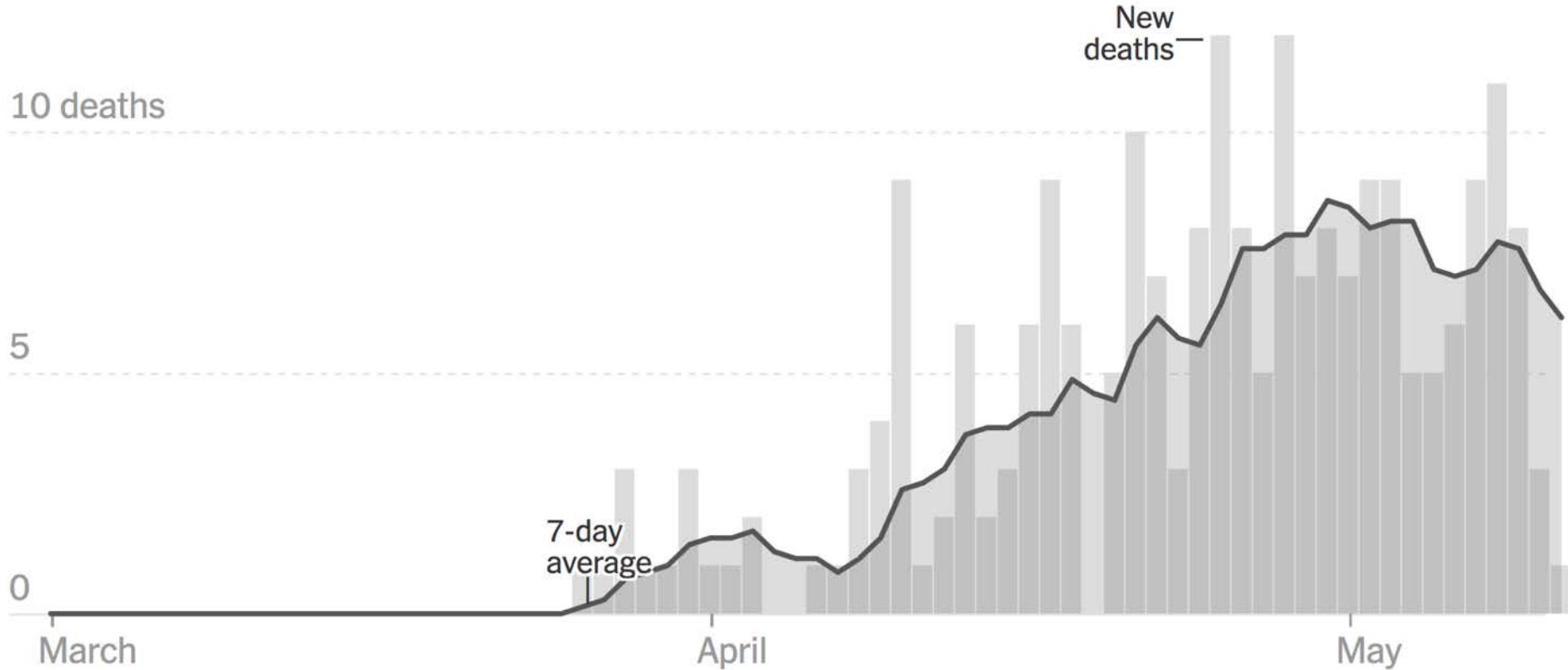
New reported cases by day in Delaware

Data reported 5/11/20



New reported deaths by day in Delaware

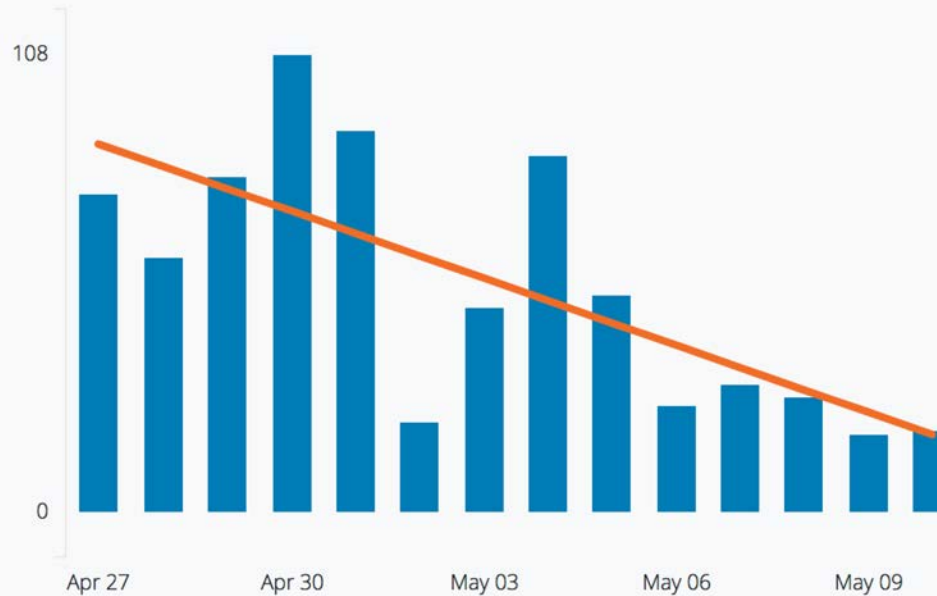
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New Hospital Admissions (Confirmed and Suspected with COVID-19) ⓘ

Data reported 5/11/20

LAST 14 DAYS



■ New Hospital Admissions ■ Trend Line

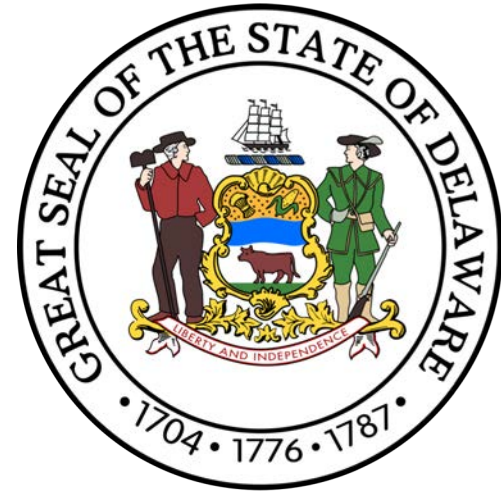
Data source: Delaware Health Information Network.

State of Delaware Update

Governor announces rolling reopening; State of Emergency extended through May 31

*Details about **Phase I** of Delaware's economic reopening will be released this week.*

Entering Phase I is contingent on the State of Delaware's ability to contain the COVID-19 hot spot in Sussex County, and continued positive trends in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations statewide.



State of Delaware–Phase 1

Vulnerable individuals **shelter in place**

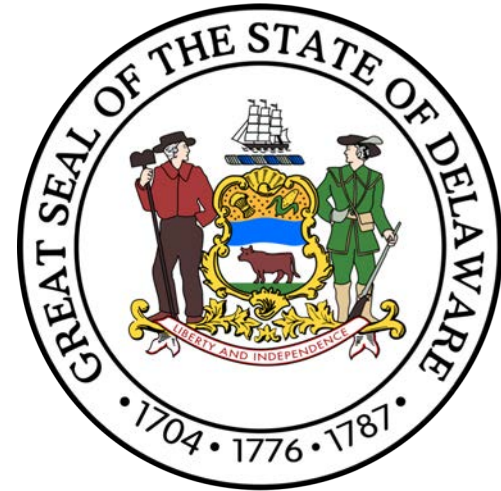
Maintain **social distancing in public**

Schools and youth activities **remain closed**

Limit gatherings to **10 individuals**

Minimize non-essential travel- personal & business

Encourage **teleworking**



State of Delaware–Phase 1

Return to work **in phases**

Consider **special accommodations for vulnerable populations**

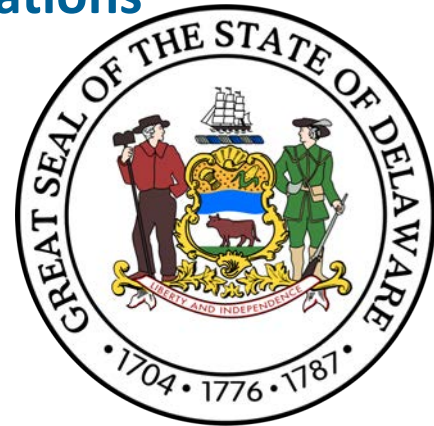
Elective surgeries to **resume**

Large venues, restaurants would have **strict guidelines**

Bars remain **closed**

Gyms to follow **strict physical distancing and sanitation protocols**

No visits to **senior living facilities and hospitals**



UD Campus Update

May 8th Updates

UD is extending its remote work plan until May 31 to align with the state's guidance.

We are currently **targeting June 1** to begin re-activating campus operations on a phased-in basis, starting with our research facilities.

The rate of reopening facilities will be contingent on **sufficient testing, tracing and personal protective equipment** to ensure the safety of our students, faculty and staff.



UD Campus Update

May 8th Updates

UD has already moved **summer classes online** and deferred or **virtualized summer events and programs** on campus.

[Campus Reopening and Fall Planning Task Force](#)

[UD's Health Advisory Group](#)

Campus-wide committees that will consider academic and calendar aspects, research and graduate education, student life and athletics, facilities, budget and planning, and public affairs.



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

External Conditions Drive Phasing of Research

Governor's Executive Orders

Travel Restrictions

Local/regional COVID-19 case trends

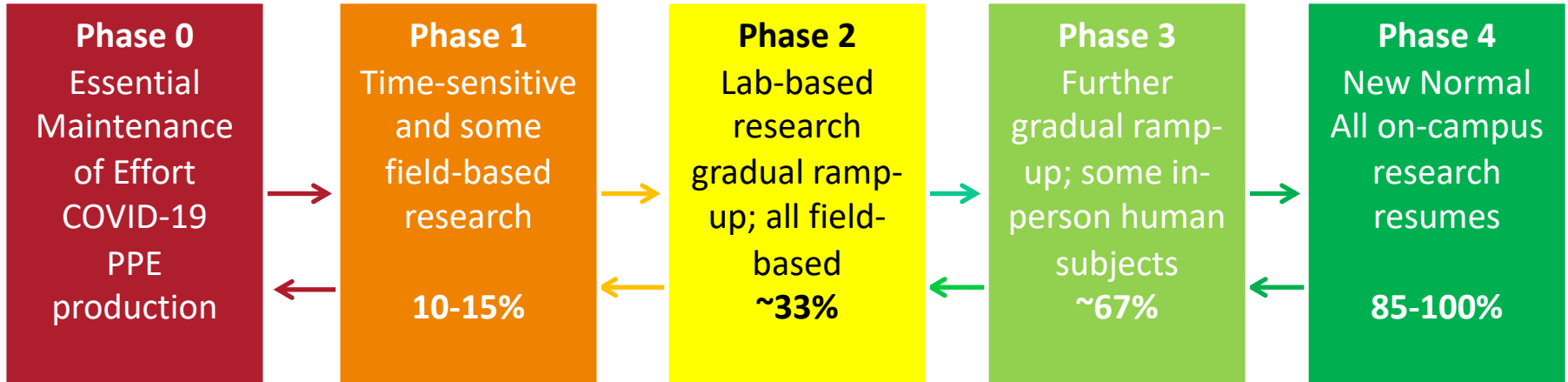
Local/regional COVID-19 hospitalization trends

Availability of COVID-19 testing

Availability of personal protective equipment

Planning for the Future

Phasing in Research



Working from home whenever possible

Phasing in Research

Phase 1

Time-sensitive
and some field-
based research

10-15%

Disruption of effort/data collection causes catastrophic data loss or delays

Seasonal data collection, field/agricultural work

Long-term longitudinal studies

Animal experiments where a delay would result in euthanasia or loss of a colony

Phasing in Research

Phase 1

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Graduate students and **postdocs** close to completion requiring on-campus/on-site access.

Graduate students scheduled to graduate in May or August 2020. Postdoc appointments ending on or before August 31, 2020.

Phasing in Research

Phase 1

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Prioritize research work of

a) **tenure track** (not yet tenured) **faculty**,

b) sponsored projects with **fixed, time-sensitive deliverables**,

c) sponsored projects with **no ability to charge salaries/stipends for no-work**.

Phasing in Research

Phase 1

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Core facilities resume limited operations to support time-sensitive research within this phase and prepare for increased activity in later phases.

Process

Phase 1

Time-sensitive
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based research

10-15%

1. PI/core facility director initiates eligibility form
2. Completed form submitted to Dept Chair
3. Review by College Dean
4. Final approval by VPR/Provost

Eligibility Form will be posted to the web and shared broadly

Planning for the Future

Guidance for PIs

If you qualify for phase 1 access, apply within one week of the form being released.

If you qualify for later phases, do not apply until later—when requested.

Download and complete laboratory ramp-up checklist (as applicable).

Ensure all training and certifications are up to date.

Inform relevant coworkers from out of state to return and self-quarantine for 14 days before re-starting on-campus/on-site research.

Speak individually with each coworker about their situation/concerns for re-start.

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

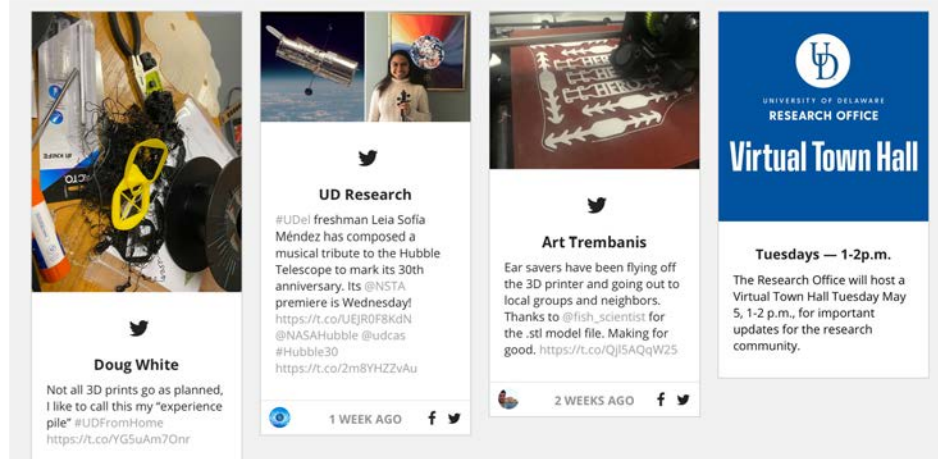
Research Communications

#UDFromHome

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.

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](#)



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

