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COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

1–2 pm



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BEGINNING

JUNE 1, 2020

Town Halls will be held

Mondays, 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/>

The Indomitable Class of 2020

Virtual Celebration

Saturday, May 30, 11 a.m.



COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 5/25/20

Positive Cases by Location

State of Delaware

8,965

205

Hospitalized

4,693

Recovered

332

Deaths

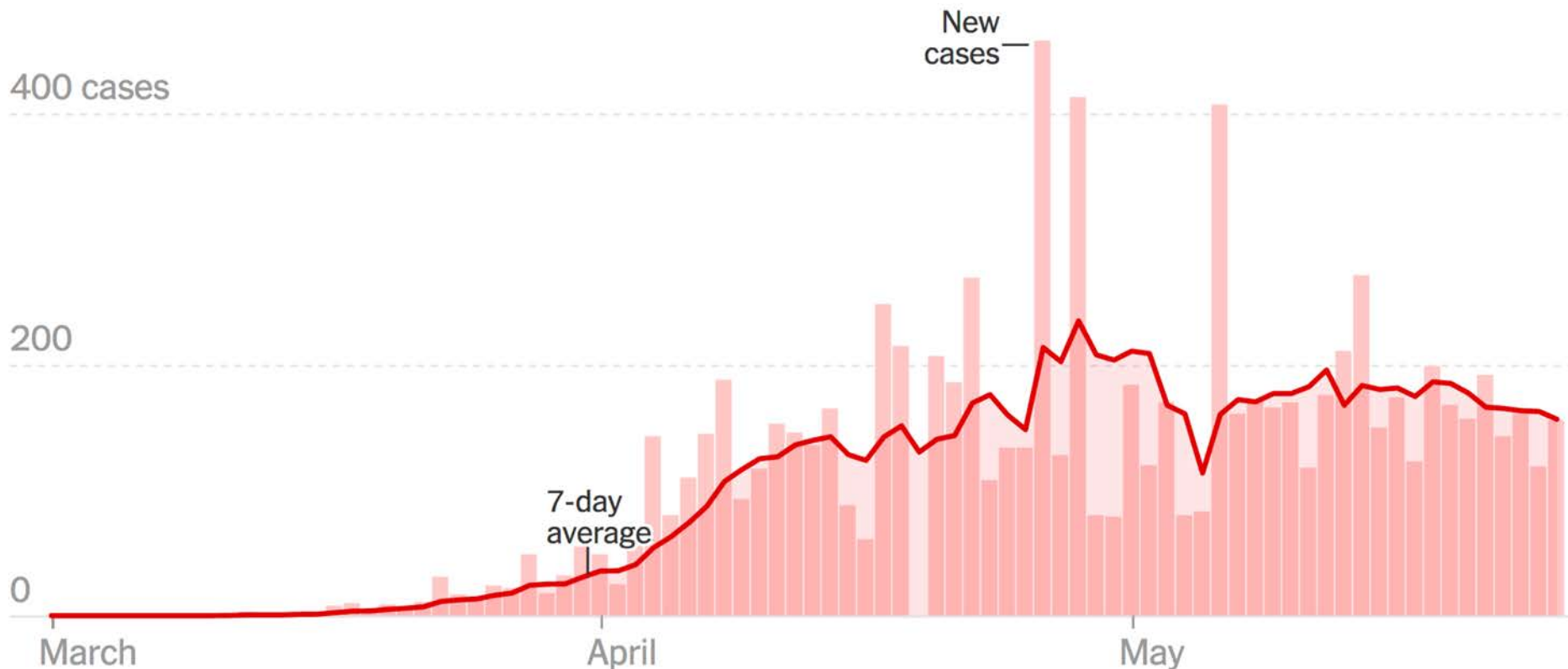
44,931

Tested Negative



New reported cases by day in Delaware

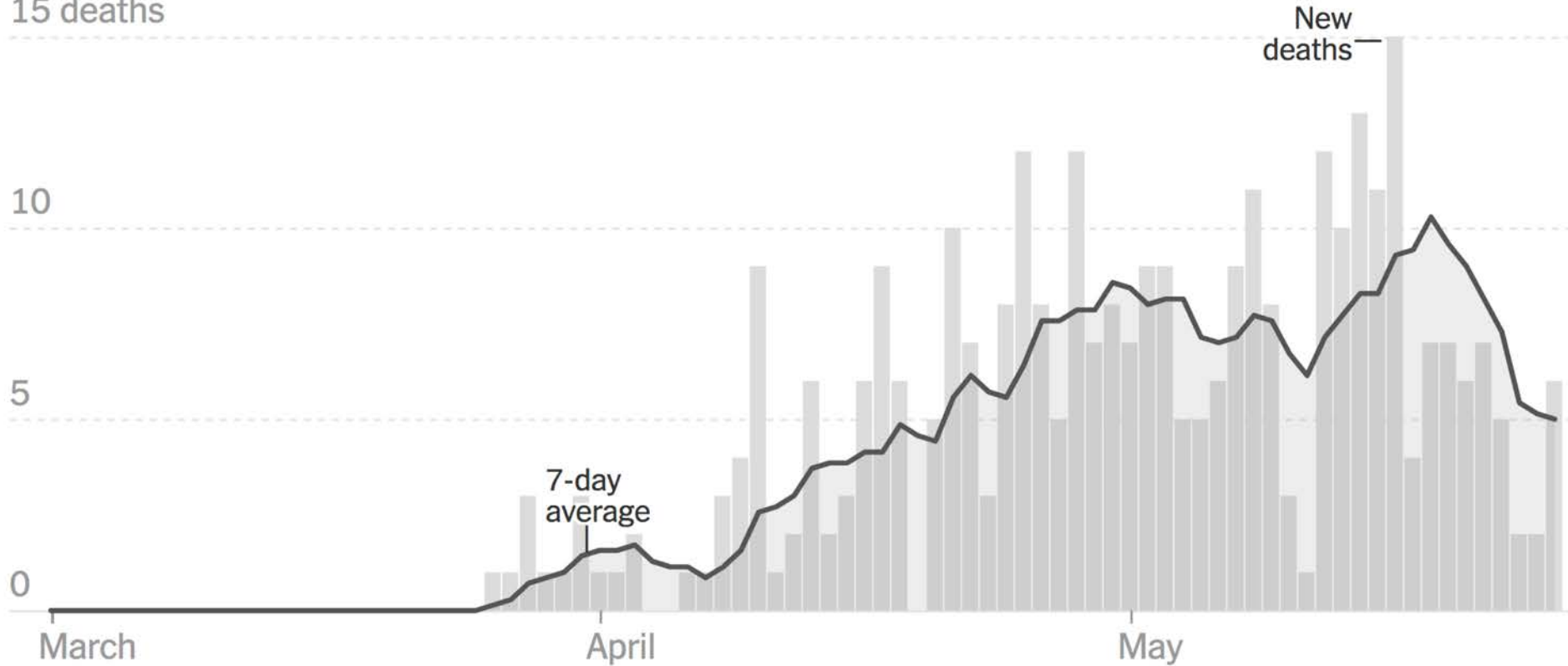
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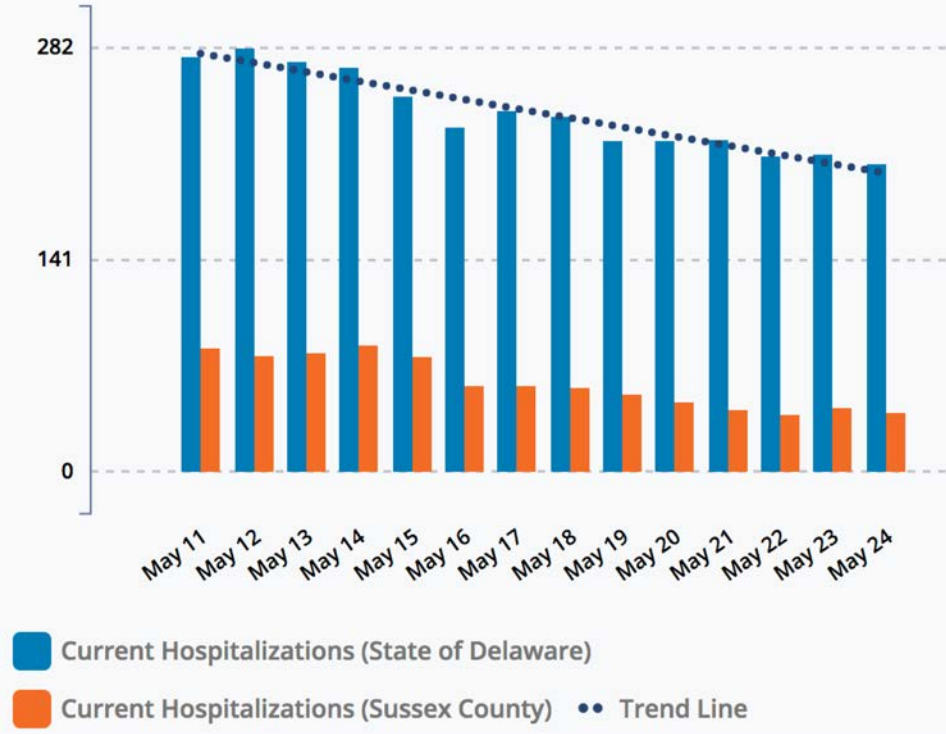
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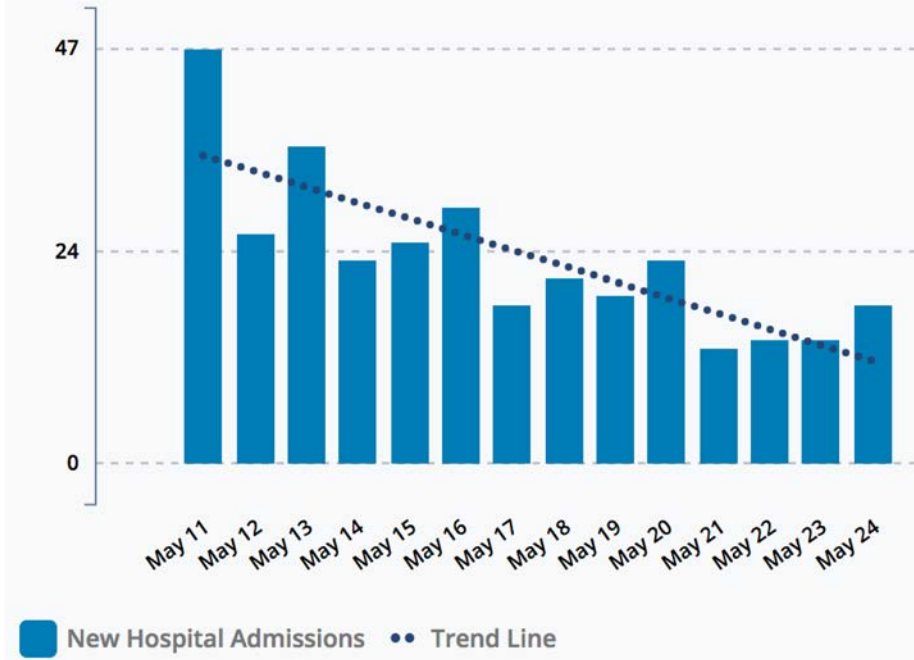
15 deaths



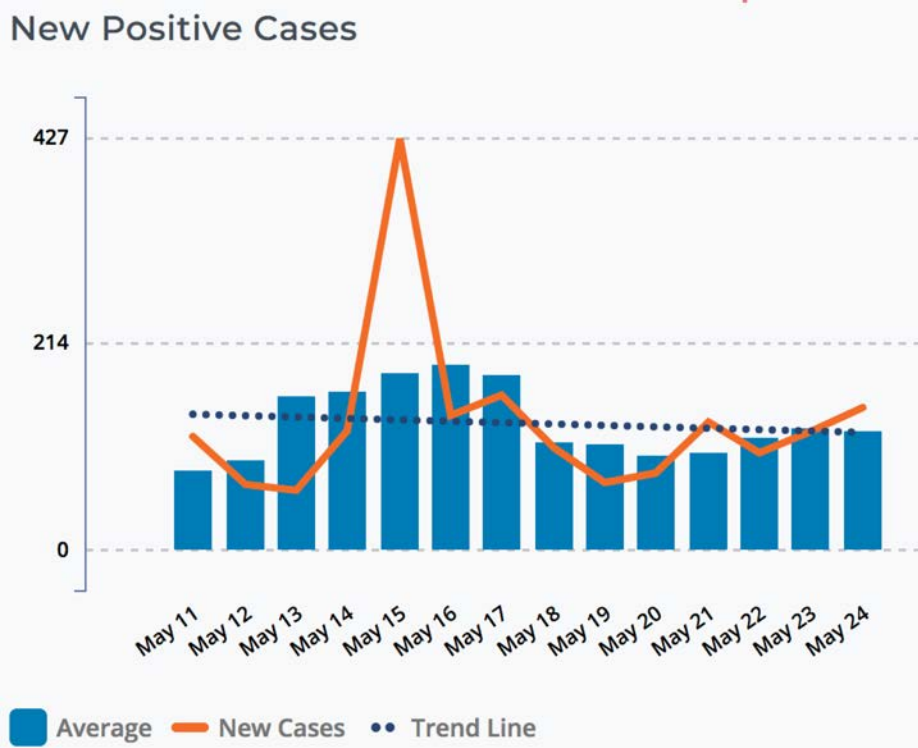
Current Hospitalizations



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



COVID-19: Delaware



Fluid Resistant Gowns and Isolation Gowns
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

Face Shields
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

Glasses and Goggles
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

Gloves
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

Isolation and Procedural-Ear Loop Masks
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

N95 Masks
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

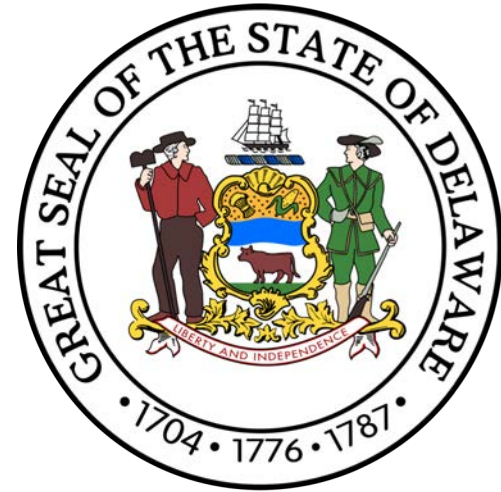
Surgical Masks
2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

State of Delaware Update

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

Phase I of Delaware's economic reopening commences June 1st.

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**

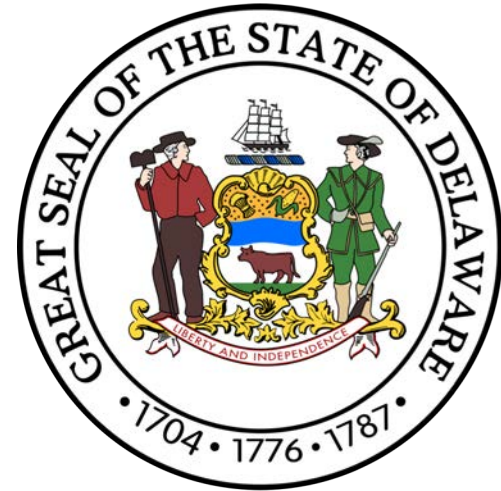
Maintain **social distancing in public**

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**

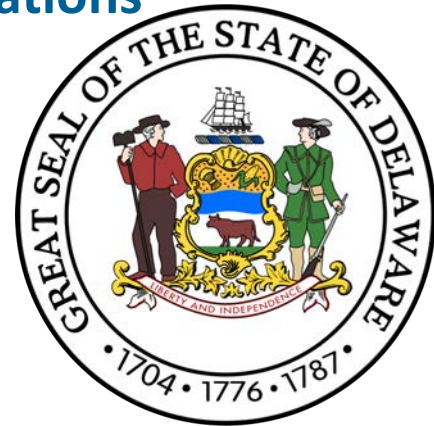
Elective surgeries to **resume**

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 early June** 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.



UD Campus Update

Part time Staffing

University of Delaware has notified most part-time workers that they would no longer be employed as of June 1.

It does not affect adjunct faculty, graduate students, work-study students or employees whose wages are paid through external funding, such as grants, gifts or corporate partnerships.

Questions: Contact [Human Resources](#)

UD Campus Update

Summer Parking

Parking Services is providing prorated refunds and the cancellation of all payroll deductions for Summer 2020.

Parking permit payroll deductions will not be taken **in June, July or August**. Customers with annual parking permits paid for by cash, check or credit card will have a pro-rated refund issued via check.

Parking permits will not be cancelled, and **your lot assignment will remain the same** when we return to normal operations.

Shuttle Buses will not operate during the summer.



UD Campus Update

Student Financial Relief

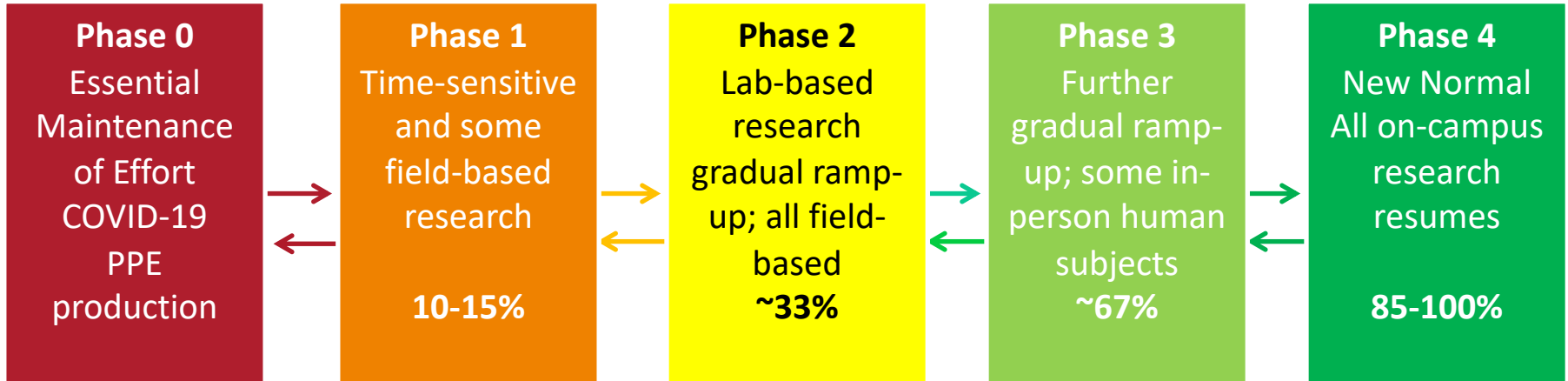
Did you submit a FAFSA for this year? If so, CARES Act emergency grants have arrived and there may be money in your "My Finances" account right now!

Those who submitted a FAFSA must log into My Finances and request a dispersion of any available CARES Act funds by June 1 or the funds will be redistributed to other students in need.

Those who were not able to submit a FAFSA, or were otherwise ineligible for a CARES grant, can apply for the [Student Crisis Fund](#).

Planning for the Future

Applicable to ALL UD research activities, regardless of site: on-campus, in the field and at partner sites, i.e. UD-owned and -operated, e.g. Winterthur, nat'l lab, agricultural sites, in schools, etc.



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

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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**.

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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.

UD's Return to Research under COVID-19

[RETURN TO CAMPUS GUIDANCE](#)
[PI RETURN TO CAMPUS FORM](#)
[RAMP-UP CHECKLIST](#)

Guidelines & Resources

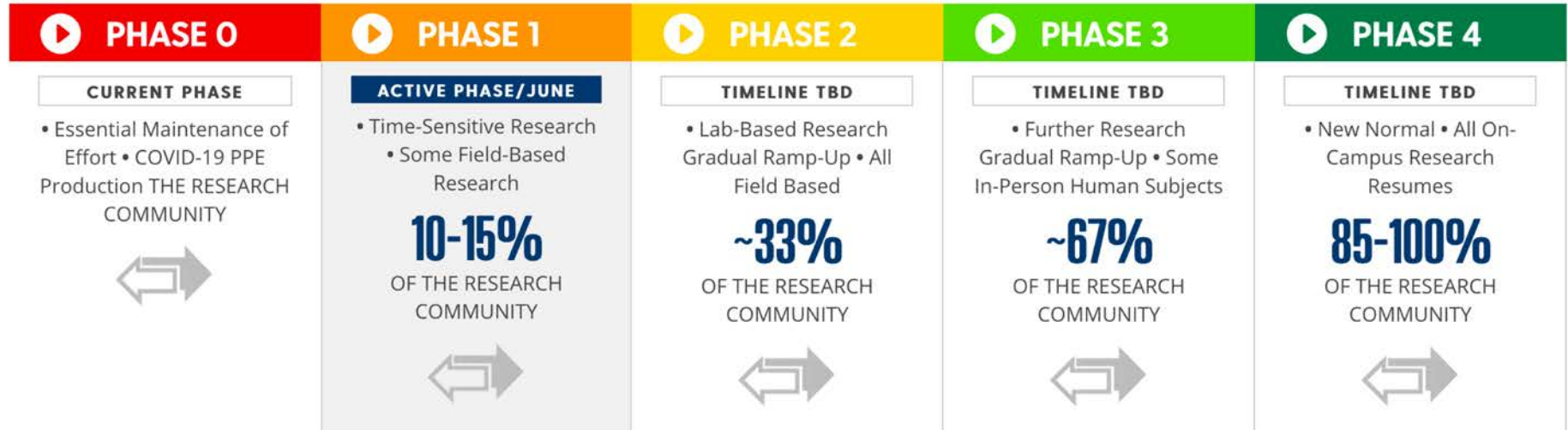
The University of Delaware is working to resume research operations — with the safety and wellbeing of the community our highest priority. *All research work that can be performed remotely should continue remotely until further guidance is issued.* This page provides an overview of UD's phased-in return to research, in alignment with state and University guidance. It draws from a comprehensive plan developed with broad input from a working group including representatives from colleges, institutes, core facilities, environmental health and safety, communications, maintenance and operations.

Here, UD researchers also will find **required** forms that must be approved and access to training materials that must be completed **prior** to returning to campus, field-based or site-based research. A phased-in approach is being implemented. Review the phases below. If you think you (and your

UD Research Ramp-Up	
Principles	+
Expectations	+
Research Space Categories and Definitions	+
Health Screening Protocols	+
PPE Requirements	+
Physical Distancing	+
Protecting Vulnerable Populations	+
Facilities	+

Research Ramp-Up Phases

Click on each phase for more details. We are now reviewing PI request forms for Phase 1.



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Click on each phase for more details. We are not currently accepting requests for Phase 0.

Required to return to research in any phase

PHASE 0	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
<p>CURRENT PHASE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential Maintenance of Effort COVID-19 PPE Production THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY <p>↔</p>	<p>ACTIVE PHASE/JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time-Sensitive Research Some Field-Based Research <p>10-15% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY</p> <p>↔</p>	<p>TIMELINE TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lab-Based Research Gradual Ramp-Up All Field Based <p>~33% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY</p> <p>↔</p>	<p>TIMELINE TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further Research Gradual Ramp-Up Some In-Person Human Subjects <p>~67% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY</p> <p>↔</p>	<p>TIMELINE TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Normal All On-Campus Research Resumes <p>85-100% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY</p> <p>↔</p>

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Process

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1. PI/core facility director initiates form (on behalf of their coworkers)
2. Completed form submitted to Dept Chair
3. Review by College Dean
4. Final approval by VPR/Provost

Upon approval, access commences after all trainings are completed and no earlier than 1 week (7 calendar days) after approval.

Planning for the Future

Guidance for PIs

If you qualify for **phase 1** access, apply by **May 27th**.

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

Complete laboratory ramp-up checklist (as applicable) prior to accessing campus.

Ensure all training and certifications are up to date for all employees and students.

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

Communication is Key

We are in this together; take care of one another

Individual accountability and responsibility

“See something, say something”

Resources for students—advisor, program director, chair, Graduate College

Resources for staff—supervisor, unit lead, Human Resources

[Disability Support Services](#)

[Compliance Hotline](#)

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

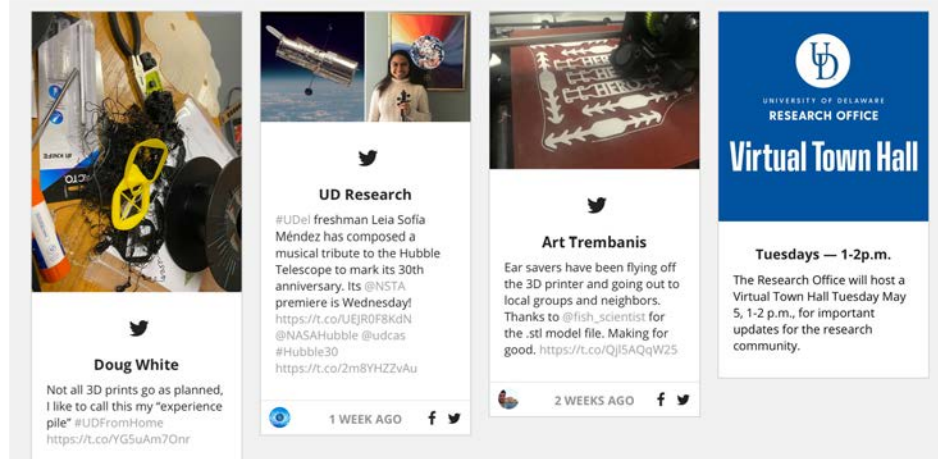
Research Communications

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

#UDFromHome



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

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