COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Monday, June 1, 2020
1–2 pm

(The Meeting is Being Recorded for Posting Online)
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BEGINNING JUNE 2020

Research Reactivation Phase 1
Creating a More Just Society

A Message from President Assanis
The Indomitable Class of 2020

Virtual Celebration

Held

Saturday, May 30th
COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 5/31/20

State of Delaware
9,498
99.0 per 10,000 people

160
Hospitalized

5,266
Recovered

366
Deaths

51,173
Tested Negative

https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state
Data reported 5/31/20

Current Hospitalizations

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

Current Hospitalizations (State of Delaware)
Current Hospitalizations (Sussex County)  ●  Trend Line

New Hospital Admissions  ●  Trend Line

https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state/days_to_show/14/primary_trend_type/bar#trends_dashboard
COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 5/31/20

New Positive Cases

https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state/days_to_show/14/primary_trend_type/bar#trends_dashboard
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

COVID-19 Testing in Delaware

State of Delaware has partnered with Curative, Inc.

Drive Thru Events are being held throughout the state

Friday at STAR Campus, 437 UD Employees

Additional Events are being planned and will be announced

Molecular Test Based on Saliva Swab
UD Campus Update

May 31st Updates

UD is extending its remote work plan for most employees until July 15th.

UD COVID-19 Return to Campus Guidelines

Employees and students may not return to campus unless specifically directed to do so by their supervisor or another authorized department, and guidance may change at any time as conditions and/or circumstances warrant.
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 Protocol & Policy Committee**

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

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 or July.

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.

Use general parking spaces—Pearson, Hollingsworth, garages.

As always, parking permit renewal starts the first business day of August.

https://www.udel.edu/udaily/2020/may/summer-parking-and-shuttle-bus-information/
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.

Phase 0
Essential Maintenance of Effort COVID-19 PPE production

Phase 1
Time-sensitive and some field-based research
10-15%

Phase 2
Lab-based research gradual ramp-up; all field-based ~33%

Phase 3
Further gradual ramp-up; some in-person human subjects ~67%

Phase 4
New Normal All on-campus research resumes 85-100%

Working remotely whenever possible

Ideas: udresearch@udel.edu
Phase 1
Time-sensitive and some field-based research

10-15%

Phasing in Research

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
Risk Mitigation

When Making an Airline Reservation:
- Passengers are vetted in advance of their flight against government watch lists.

At the Airport:
- Canines are an important layer of security used to detect explosives from curb to gate.

When Entering the Checkpoint:
- TSA officers trained in biometric detection verify passenger identity and boarding pass. Credential authentication technology is also used to verify лиц.

During Screening:
- Technology and proven procedures are used to screen passengers, their carry-on and checked bags for concealed threats and prohibited items.

At the Gate:
- Passengers are subject to unobtrusive security measures including gate screening.

Onboard Your Flight:
- Federal air marshals armed pilots and inspected cockpit doors protect aircraft from overpowering.

Transportation Security Administration

If you see something, say something. You can be an important layer of security, helping the aviation system detect and prevent the traveling public from harm. Not on Our Watch!
COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

- Health screening
- Temperature checks
- Physical distancing
- Hand washing
- Cloth masks
- Testing
- Contact tracing
- Isolating
- Quarantining
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

https://research.udel.edu/covid-19-return-to-research/
Research Ramp-Up Phases

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

**PHASE 0**
CURRENT PHASE
- Essential Maintenance of Effort
- COVID-19 PPE Production
THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

**PHASE 1**
ACTIVE PHASE/JUNE
- Time-Sensitive Research
- Some Field-Based Research
10-15% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

**PHASE 2**
TIMELINE TBD
- Lab-Based Research
- Gradual Ramp-Up
- All Field Based
~33% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

**PHASE 3**
TIMELINE TBD
- Further Research
- Gradual Ramp-Up
- Some In-Person Human Subjects
~67% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

**PHASE 4**
TIMELINE TBD
- New Normal
- All On-Campus Research Resumes
85-100% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

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Planning for Phase 1
Guidance for PIs

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 before returning to campus.

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

Group calendaring to ensure physical distancing and shift work, as needed.

Ensure you and all coworkers are completing the daily health screen before coming to work.
Planning for Phase 1
Guidance for PIs

Procure **multiple cloth masks** for each coworker. Wash daily.

**PPE is being procured centrally.** Contact either Fisher Storeroom (karen.black@thermofisher.com, 831-2285) or Mike Gladle, EHS Director (mgladle@udel.edu).

Check with your department chair or building manager to **confirm return date**.

**Continue to work remotely** as much as possible.
Planning for the Future
How Will Campus Be Different?

- Daily health questionnaire
- 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
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
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

https://www.udel.edu/alumni-friends/#help
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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