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# COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Monday, June 8, 2020

1–2 pm



# We Can Do Better as a University Community

"We must ensure that everyone is treated with respect and a sense of belonging. We should seek to find commonality, humanity, and civility to bridge our differences."



## A Message from President Assanis

# We Can Do Better as a University Community



Vice Provost  
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# COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 6/07/20

State of Delaware

**9,942**

103.0 per 10,000 people

**103**

Hospitalized

**5,792**

Recovered

**398**

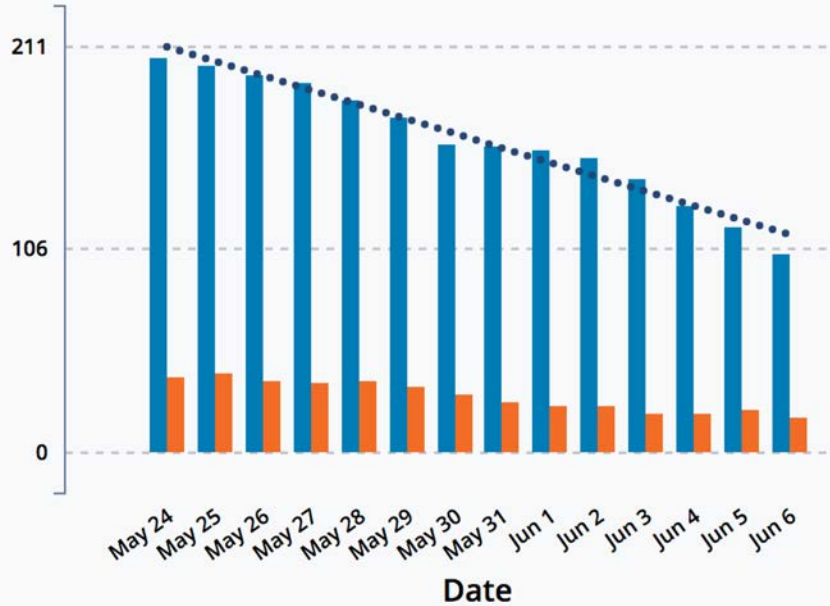
Deaths

**59,055**

Tested Negative

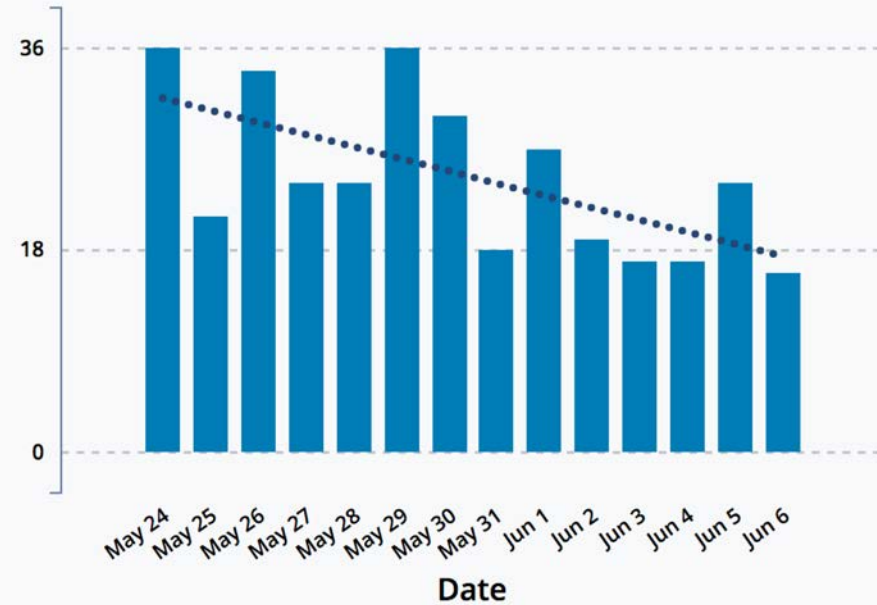


### Current Hospitalizations



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

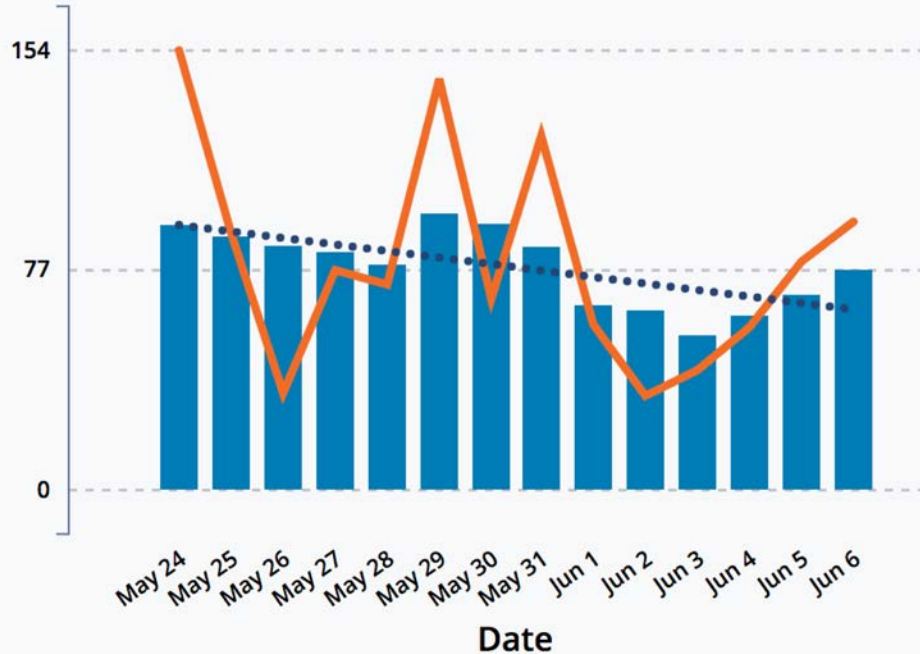
### New Hospital Admissions (Confirmed and Suspected with COVID-19)



■ New Hospital Admissions    ● Trend Line

# COVID-19: Delaware

## New Positive Cases



-  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)

 Average  New Cases  Trend Line

# State of Delaware–Phase 2

June 15<sup>th</sup>

Vulnerable individuals **shelter in place**

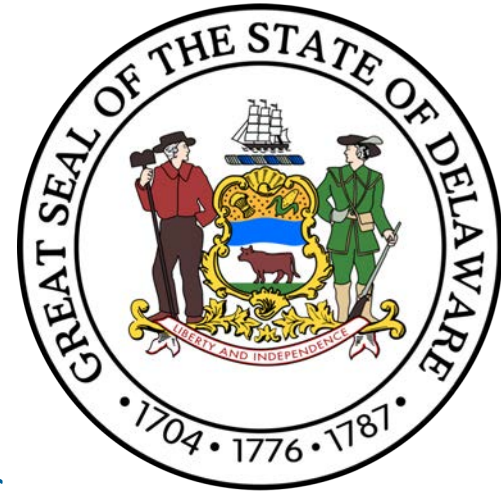
Maintain **social distancing in public**

**Common areas** where personnel are likely to congregate and interact **should remain closed**

Limit indoor gatherings to **50 individuals**

**Minimize non-essential travel** – personal & business

Continue to encourage **teleworking**



# State and UD Phasing

The **state and UD phases are not linked**, i.e. UD will not be entering into phase 2 research reactivation on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

UD Research **Reactivation Phase 2**. UD will be monitoring activities this week with an update to be shared the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

# COVID-19 Testing in Delaware



State of Delaware has partnered with Curative, Inc.

Drive Thru Events are being held throughout the state

Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> at STAR Campus, 437 UD Employees. Next event on STAR June 12<sup>th</sup>

Additional Events are being planned and will be announced

Molecular Test Based on Saliva Swab

# UD Campus Update

May 31<sup>st</sup> Updates

UD is extending its remote work plan for most employees until **July 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

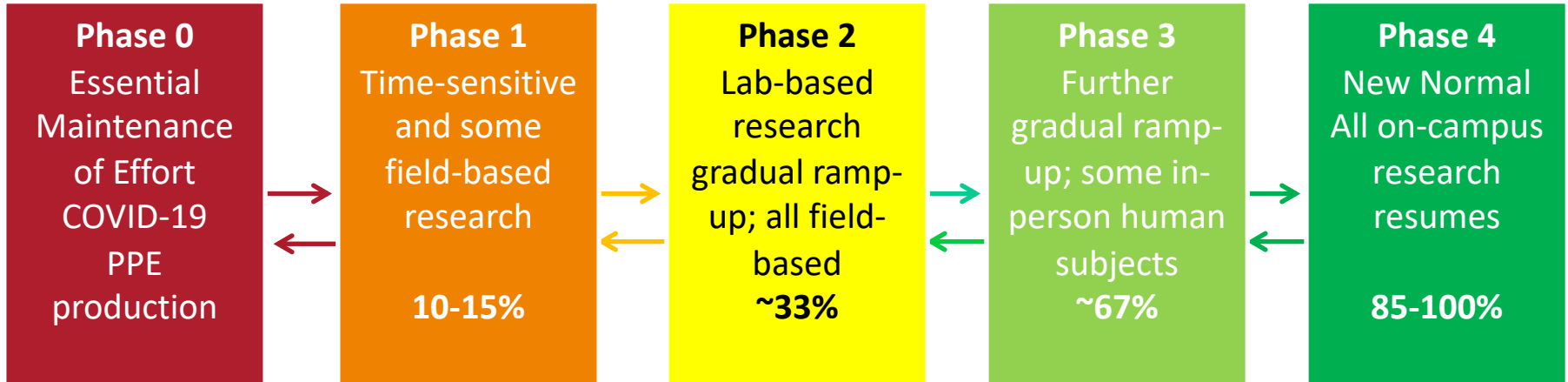
[UD's Health Protocol & Policy Committee](#)

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



# 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 remotely whenever possible**

# Phasing in Research

## Phase 2

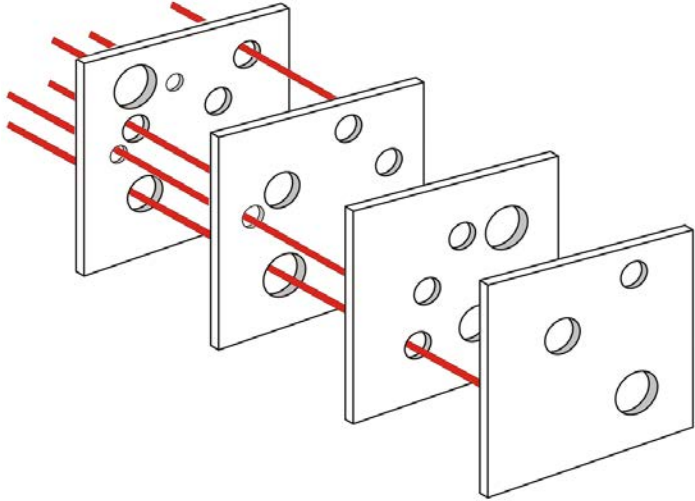
Lab-based  
research gradual  
ramp-up; all  
field-based  
**~33%**

Priority guidance for indoor work will be based on density. ~3 people per 1000 sq. ft.

Consider occasional replacement of personnel in the schedule with new people, to allow as many lab staff as possible to make some progress in their projects.

Limited Face-to-Face Human Subjects Research with additional guidance forthcoming.

# COVID-19 Risk Mitigation



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

# 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	<a href="#">+</a>
Expectations	<a href="#">+</a>
Research Space Categories and Definitions	<a href="#">+</a>
Health Screening Protocols	<a href="#">+</a>
PPE Requirements	<a href="#">+</a>
Physical Distancing	<a href="#">+</a>
Protecting Vulnerable Populations	<a href="#">+</a>
Facilities	<a href="#">+</a>

PI Return to Campus Request Form

Ramp-Up Checklist

Training

All employees must complete required safety training

UD Workplace Guidelines

Home Health Screening

Campus Reopening and Planning

## 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

# 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](mailto:karen.black@thermofisher.com), 831-2285) or Mike Gladle, EHS Director ([mgladle@udel.edu](mailto:mgladle@udel.edu)).

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

**Continue to work remotely** as much as possible.

# Research Reactivation

## How Is Campus 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

# Research Reactivation

## 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](#)

# Research Communications

*What research are you doing on COVID-19?*

*What innovative approaches are you taking to working remotely?*

*What novel projects are you working on with your undergraduate research scholars remotely this summer?*

Email Tracey Bryant, Sr. Director for Research Communications, [tbryant@udel.edu](mailto:tbryant@udel.edu) or your college communicators.

**#UDFromHome**  
UD researchers share experiences and inspirations for moving forward while staying at home.

**UD Research**  
Reactivating #UDel's research enterprise will be a gradual process, focused on safety and aligned with state COVID19 guidelines. Phase 1 is limited to 10-15% of researchers, those doing time-sensitive work, in an effort to prevent catastrophic data loss.  
<https://t.co/5co9YKGSJf>  
<https://t.co/qvA1t6of7q>

**UD Research**  
#UDel's Tyler Van Buren and collaborators have developed a way to monitor #blood damage in real time.  
<https://t.co/tHGVGvS0wb>  
@UDengineering  
@TylerVBuren  
#fluidmechanics  
<https://t.co/Dn2Hjaopua>

**Virtual Town Hall**  
Mondays — 1-2p.m.  
The Research Office will host a Virtual Town Hall Monday June 1, 1-2 p.m., for important updates for the research community.

**Doug White**  
A doctor in scrubs just stopped by and snagged a handful of ear savers to bring to his coworkers at the hospital.  
#UDFromHome  
<https://t.co/ppmf78i97f>

# 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