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COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Monday, June 29, 2020

1–2 pm



COVID-19 Data Modeling and Impact

Data Science Institute & Research Office



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PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderated by Cathy Wu, DSI Founding Director

[Recording Here](#)

We Can Do Better as a University Community

A Message from President Assanis

#BlackintheIvory

#Strike4BlackLives

#ShutdownSTEM

#BLM

Faculty Senate Town Hall on Anti-Racist Policies

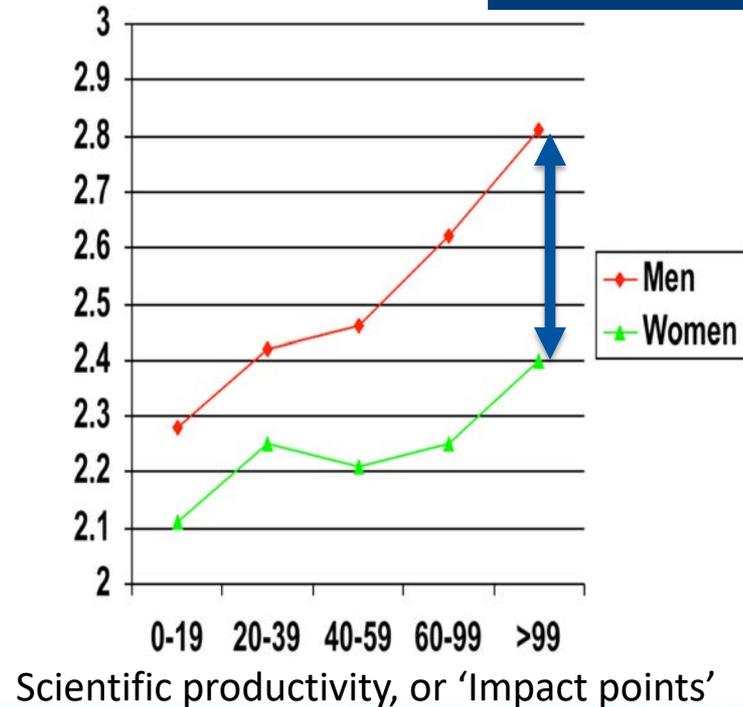
Promoting the Development and Implementation of Antiracist Policies and Curricula

“In a racist society, it is not enough to be non-racist, we must be anti-racist” Angela Davis

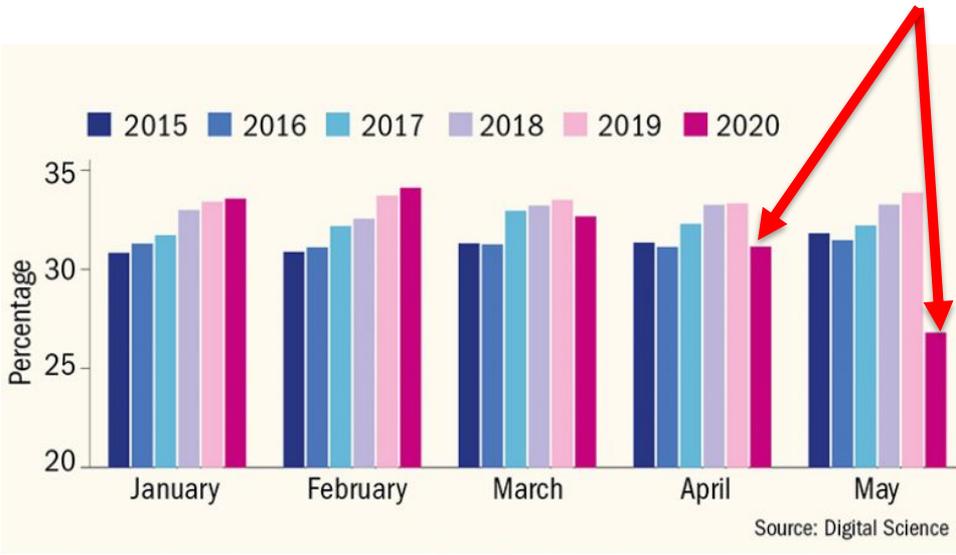
4:00 PM TODAY via Zoom
[Zoom Link](#)

The Swedish Postdoc Study

- **Women scientists** were awarded lower competency scores than similarly productive men. Women applicants had to be **2.5 times** more productive than men applicants to receive the same score from reviewers.
- **Both men and women** affiliated with a committee member earned an 'affiliation' bonus of 67 'impact points', an advantage equivalent to the 'male gender' bonus.
- Close attention to **unconscious biases** in peer-review processes benefits **everyone**.



COVID-19 Gendered Impact on Scholarly Productivity



Proportion of research papers accepted where the first author is female

More than 60,000 journals across all disciplines for *Times Higher Education*.

As lockdowns have increased domestic workloads, women have been landed with more tasks.

Female academics, having only recently broken into some disciplines, are younger and so more likely to have small children.

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RETURN
T O C A M P U S

Fall Semester Commences September 1st.
In-person classes end by Thanksgiving.

*Looking to the fall academic semester,
we will need to be both resourceful and
flexible.*



Academic Operations Town Halls



Hosted by the Provost's Office

Every other Friday

1–2 pm

Next: Friday, July 10th

[Zoom Registration](#)

COVID-19: Delaware

Cumulative Number of Positive Cases

11,226

Total count on 06/28/2020

118.2

rate per 10,000 people on 06/28/2020



— Cumulative Number of Positive Cases

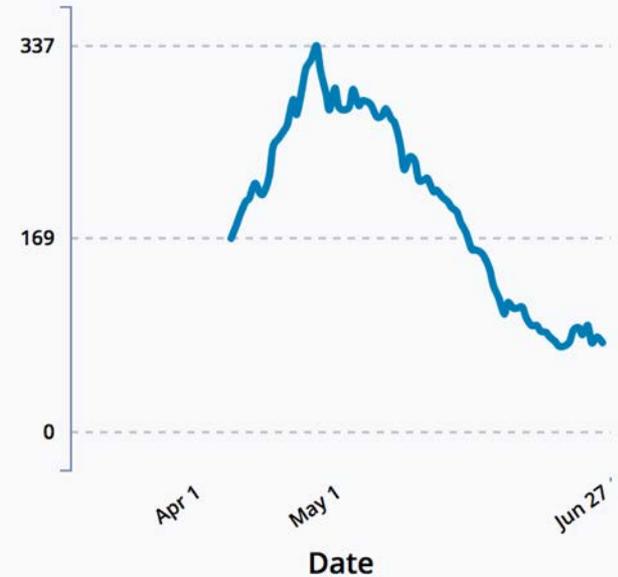
Current Hospitalizations

78

Total count on 06/28/2020

0.8

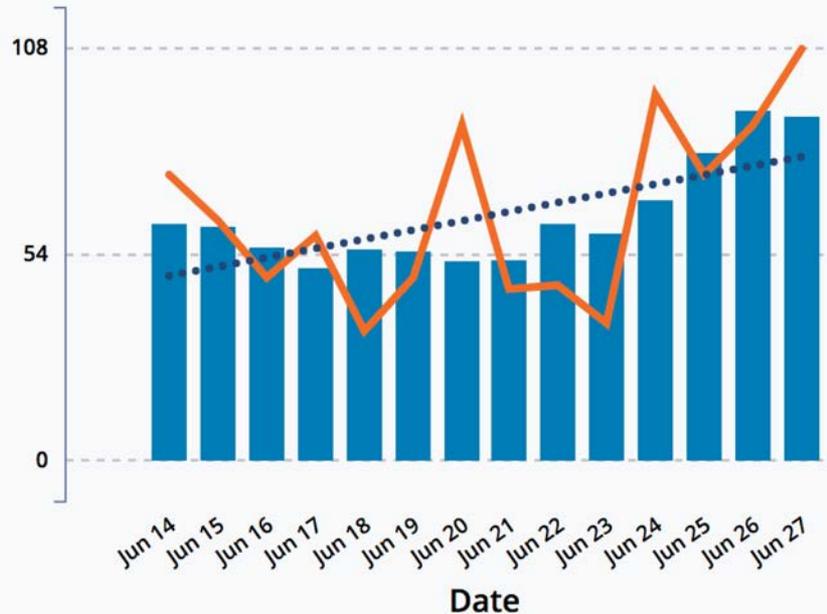
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— Current Hospitalizations

COVID-19: Delaware

New Positive Cases



■ Average
 — New Cases
 •• Trend Line



State of Delaware—Phase 2

June 29th

Governor Carney delays move to Phase 3

“I know many Delawareans expected us to move into Phase 3 of economic reopening on Monday, June 29 – and that had been my hope, as well. But **we are delaying that decision** so we can get a better handle on what’s going on in Delaware and around the country. We intend to make a decision early next week (June 29-July 3) regarding the start of Phase 3.”



Governor John Carney ✓
@JohnCarneyDE

We are seeing an increase in COVID19 cases in the beach area. Act responsibly, social distance, wear a mask, get tested, and answer the call if [@Delaware_DHSS](#) contact tracers reach out to help us stop the spread.

7:49 PM · Jun 28, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

38 Retweets 104 Likes



Governor John Carney ✓
@JohnCarneyDE

Delawareans made real sacrifices to help us flatten the curve. Let’s not go backwards.

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COVID-19 Testing in Delaware



State of Delaware has partnered with Curative, Inc.

Drive Thru events are being held throughout the state.

STAR Campus events July 1st and 10th.

Molecular Test Based on Saliva Swab

UD Campus Update

May 31st Updates

UD is extending its remote work plan for most employees until at least **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.

Research Continuance Guidance

Update to White House OMB Guidance extended through September 30th.

Awarding agencies may allow recipients to **continue to charge salaries and benefits to active Federal awards** consistent with the recipients' policy of paying salaries from all funding sources, Federal and non-Federal.

Due to the limited funding resources...awarding agencies must inform recipients to **exhaust** other available funding sources **to sustain its workforce** and implement necessary steps to save overall operational costs during this pandemic period **in order to preserve Federal funds for the ramp-up effort.**



Research Investment to Spark the Economy (RISE) Act

Introduced in House

The legislation authorizes approximately \$26 billion in supplemental funding for federal research agencies to ameliorate the tremendous disruption to federally funded research. The bill also provides for temporary regulatory relief due to the pandemic.



PI Return to Campus Request Form

Ramp-Up Checklist

Employee & Student 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 2. If you already have campus access and are bringing additional coworkers on-site and/or accessing additional space you must submit a new Phase 2 request.



PHASE 0

BEGINNING PHASE

- Essential Maintenance of Effort
- COVID-19 PPE Production

THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY



PHASE 1

TIMELINE JUNE

- Time-Sensitive Research
- Some Field-Based Research

10-15%

OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY



PHASE 2

ACTIVE/JUNE-JULY

- Lab-Based Research Gradual Ramp-Up
 - All Field Based
 - Limited Human Subjects Work
- Studio Activities: Visual, Art, Design

~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



Phasing in Research

Phase 0, 1 activities plus research activities that pose a lower risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Expansion of indoor research activities to ~33% campus-wide density at any time. Physical distancing, cloth mask wearing are paramount.

All field-based (non-human subjects-based) can proceed consistent with local guidelines at sites.

Expansion of core facility activities.

Phase 2

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

Phasing in Research

Limited Face-to-Face Human Subjects Research

- Phase 2 research should not involve individuals at a higher risk for severe illness as per the CDC.
- Research with significant likelihood of providing direct therapeutic benefit to the participants, which outweighs the risk of COVID-19 exposure.
- Studies for which in-person research interactions can occur, with no added risk, in the context of a clinical care visit at the specific clinical visit location.
- Research with minimal physical contact/proximity with subjects.

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Priority guidance for indoor work will be based on density. One person per 250 sq. ft.

Consider rotation of personnel in the schedule, to allow more personnel to make progress in their projects.

Instructional lab/studio access commences to allow for fall semester preparations.

Symptoms of COVID-19

Fever or chills

Cough Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue Muscle or body aches

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

What to do when there is a COVID+ case?

There will be positive cases on campus.

Individual who tests positive will notify their supervisor. Supervisor notifies Student Health Services (Dr. Dowling) and HR (Ms. B. Minor). COVID+ individual contacts their health care provider and self-isolates for 14 days.

COVID+ individual develops a close contact list (<6 ft, ≥15 minutes). All individuals in close contact are informed of contact with COVID+ individual (without divulging the identity).

Individuals in close contact with COVID+ individual should follow self-monitoring guidelines and quarantine for 14 days from last known contact.

What to do when there is a COVID+ case?

Contact tracing is conducted by the Division of Public Health with assistance from UD.

Spaces are shutdown and cleaned. **72** hours total before personnel return.

Q: Will I be notified if there is a positive case in my building?

A: Only those with increased risk based on contact tracing guidelines will be informed (<6 ft, >15 minutes).

Q: Will positive case(s) result in a partial or full campus shutdown?

A: Circumstances will dictate. UD envisions being able to manage some number of cases via partial shutdowns/isolation of building spaces.

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Impacted spaces shutdown for **24 hrs**, cleaned following [CDC protocols](#), then personnel return.

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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](#)

If you **SEE**
something
SAY
something

Research Communications

Be on the look-out for a new weekly communication from OCM with updates about the return to campus this fall. It will be issued on Wednesdays to the entire University community — via email, UDaily, social media.



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

Questions



Submit your questions
via the Zoom Chat