

(The Meeting is Being Recorded for Posting Online)

COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Monday, July 20, 2020

1–2 pm



We Can Do Better as a University Community

Experiences of Black STEM in the Ivory: A Call to Disruptive Action

Day 1 – <https://youtu.be/Be3NCsBsl-I>

Day 2 – <https://youtu.be/eUc2jnsWcRA>



Graduate Student Town Hall with UD Administration

Actions to Take in Solidarity with the Black Community

Was Held July 6th

Agenda

1. Student concerns (45 min)
2. Discussion of petition (45 min)
3. Q&A with students and administrators (30 min)

Academic Operations Town Halls



Hosted by the Provost's Office

Every Friday
1–2 pm

[Zoom Registration](#)

US Government Rescinds SEVP Fall 2020 Guidance for F-1 Students



What does this mean for current F-1 students at UD?

U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will reapply its March 2020 COVID-19 guidance, which permits **F-1 undergraduate, graduate, and ELI students** to take a **full schedule of online classes within the U.S.** during the COVID-19 emergency and maintain their visa status.

New F-1 international students should consult OISS or guidance on their travel to the U.S. and enrollment requirements in their first semester at UD.

Office of International Students and Scholars



Monday, July 27th

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Immigration Update with Goldblum &
Pollins Immigration Law

[Register](#) and [submit questions](#) in advance

Undergraduate Research and Service Scholar Celebratory Symposium

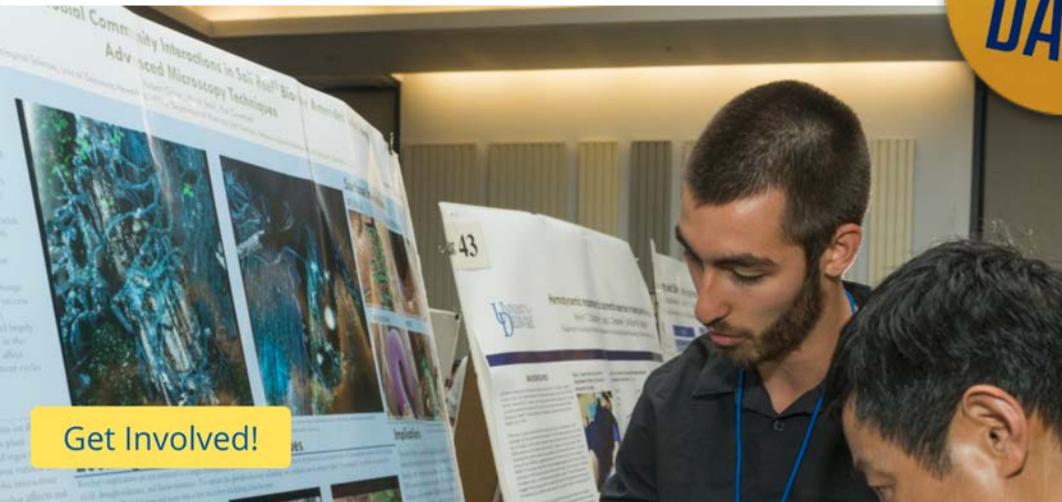
SAVE THE
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Thursday, August 13th

Time: TBD

400-450 presentations



State of Delaware–Phase 2

DE Public Health Continues to Announce New Positive Cases; Hospitalizations, Deaths Remain Steady

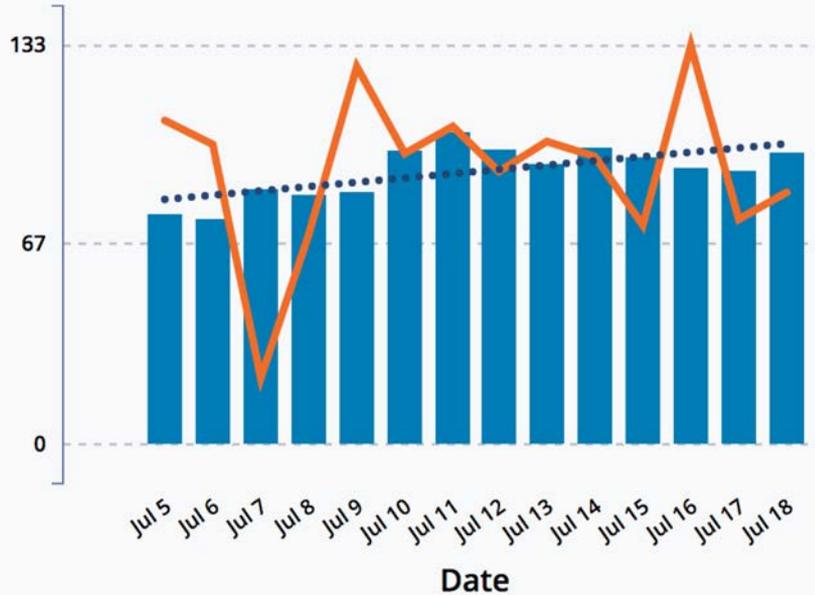


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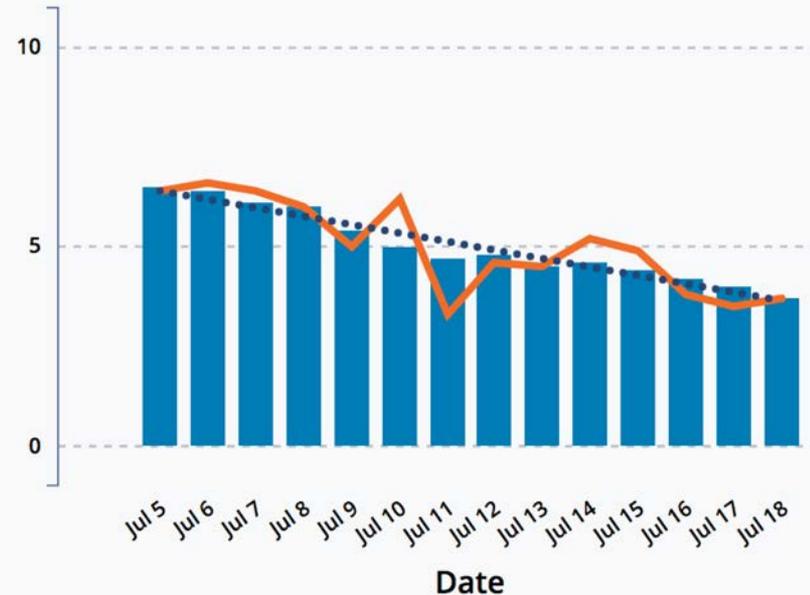
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New Positive Cases



■ Average ■ New Cases ●● Trend Line

Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive



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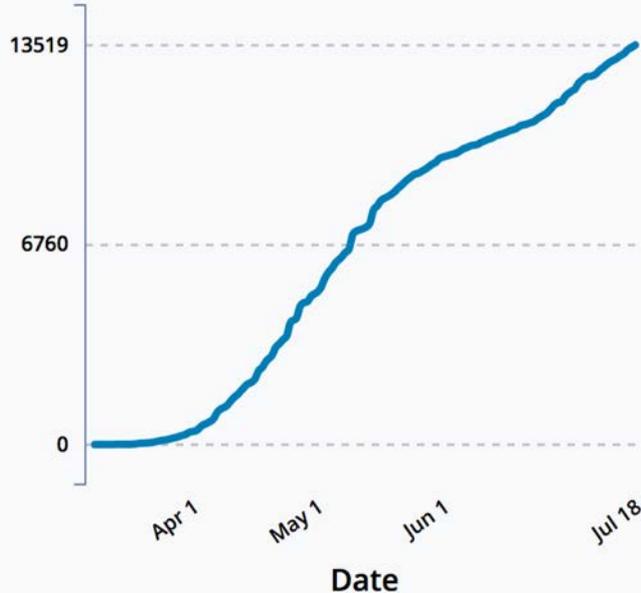
Cumulative Number of Positive Cases

13,519

Total count on 07/19/2020

142.4

rate per 10,000 people on 07/19/2020



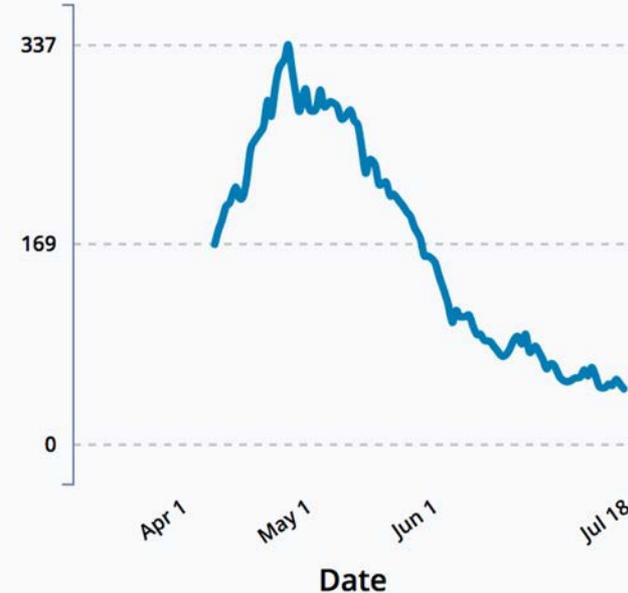
Current Hospitalizations

47

Total count on 07/19/2020

0.5

rate per 10,000 people on 07/19/2020

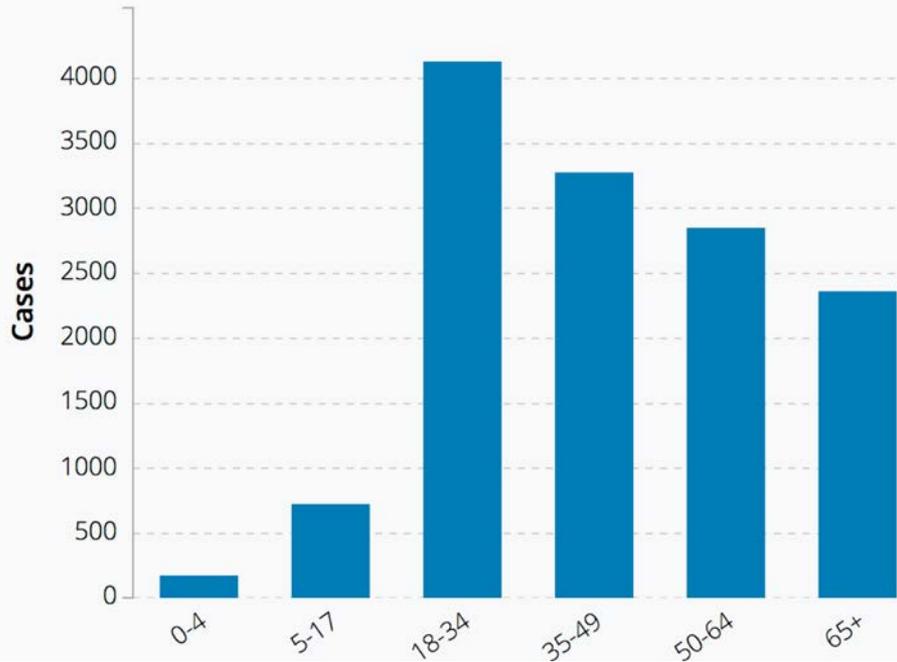


Cumulative Number of Positive Cases

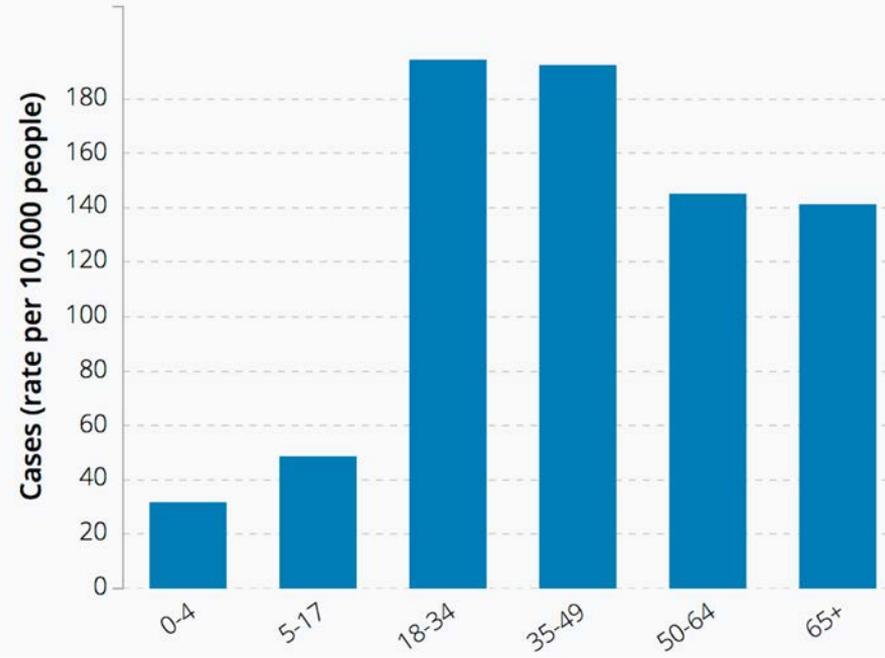
Current Hospitalizations

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Total Cases by Age



Rate of Cases by Age



COVID-19: Delaware



COVID-19 Testing in Delaware



State of Delaware has partnered with Curative, Inc.

Drive Thru events are being held throughout the state.

Molecular Test Based on Saliva Swab

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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.*



UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE ATHLETICS

SUSPENDS FALL SPORTS COMPETITION SEASON



Campus Updates and Reminders

Public Transportation. When taking public transportation including UD shuttles, **wear a face covering** before entering the vehicle and **avoid touching surfaces with your hands.** Upon disembarking, **wash your hands** or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol as soon as possible and before removing your face covering.

Parking. No change in parking fees for 2020-21. Other updates to carpooling and electric vehicles.



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.



NIH Guidance on Foreign Influence and Other Support



- failure to disclose all conflicts of interest, foreign affiliations, conflicts of commitment, and other support in applications for NIH grants;
- diversion of proprietary or pre-publication information disclosed in grant applications or produced by NIH-supported research to those not authorized to receive it; and
- breaches of confidentiality in peer review.



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	▶ PHASE 1	▶ PHASE 2	▶ PHASE 3	▶ PHASE 4
<p>BEGINNING PHASE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Maintenance of Effort • COVID-19 PPE Production <p>THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY</p> 	<p>TIMELINE JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time-Sensitive Research • Some Field-Based Research <p>10-15% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY</p> 	<p>ACTIVE/JUNE-JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab-Based Research Gradual Ramp-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Field Based • Limited Human Subjects Work • Studio Activities: Visual, Art, Design <p>~33% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY</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>TIMELINE TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Normal • All On-Campus Research Resumes <p>85-100% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY</p> 

Phasing in Research

Current Phase Phase 2

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

Survey to be distributed this week.

Assessment of Phase 2.

Readiness for Phase 3.

Topics in need of additional guidance.

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All faculty with approved access for themselves or their coworkers are expected to review UD's Employee Guidelines, complete the COVID-19 specific training and any other outstanding trainings before returning to campus.

Phasing in Research

This summer, UD's **undergraduate research** programs are operating remotely.

Experienced undergraduate students may access on-campus/field facilities with support from their advisor.

Process. Advisor applies for access for students using the research access [online form](#) providing information documenting independence/experience of the student(s).

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What to do when there is a COVID+ case?

There will be positive cases on campus.

Individual who tests positive will notify their supervisor. Individual or 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.

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

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 weekly communications from OCM with updates about plans for The fall semester. They are issued each Wednesday 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



Next Town Hall
Monday, August 3rd
1–2 pm