

(The Meeting is Being Recorded for Posting Online)

# COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Monday, July 6, 2020

1–2 pm



# Virtual Research Town Halls

**Moving to every other week cadence  
for the balance of the summer.**

Next Town Hall  
Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>  
1–2 pm

# We Can Do Better as a University Community

## A Message from President Assanis

[#BlackintheIvory](#)

[#Strike4BlackLives](#)

[#ShutdownSTEM](#)

The logo for Black Lives Matter, featuring the words "BLACK", "LIVES", and "MATTER" stacked vertically in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The word "LIVES" is enclosed within a black rectangular box, and the entire text is set against a bright yellow background.

**BLACK  
LIVES  
MATTER**

# Steps for Action



**White colleagues have the power to change the system.**

White faculty members can start conversations that their Black colleagues cannot start without putting their career on the line.

**Create opportunities for difficult conversations.**

Group conversations about race and anti-racist behaviors.

# Graduate Student Town Hall with UD Administration

## Actions to Take in Solidarity with the Black Community



**TODAY!**

6-8 pm

Agenda

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

[Zoom Registration](#)

# Lynda D. Woodruff Lecture on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Physical Therapy

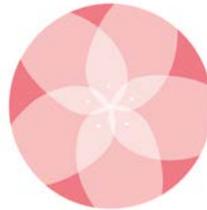


Prof. Greg Hicks

Panel Discussion

*July 8<sup>th</sup>*

*6–8 pm*



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THERAPY  
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# Academic Operations Town Halls



Hosted by the Provost's Office

Every other Friday

1–2 pm

Next: Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

[Zoom Registration](#)

# Graduate College Dean Search

July 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

*Virtual Town Halls*

*10:15–11:15 am*

Register at

[Dean Search Website](#)



# COVID-19: Delaware

### Cumulative Number of Positive Cases

**12,128**

Total count on 07/05/2020

**127.7**

rate per 10,000 people on 07/05/2020



Cumulative Number of Positive Cases

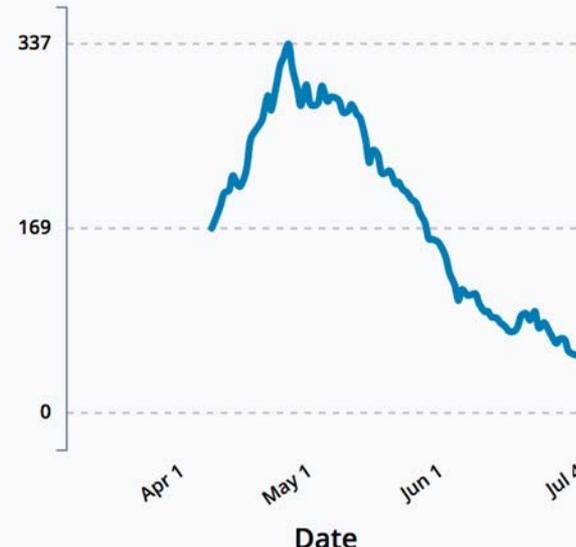
### Current Hospitalizations

**53**

Total count on 07/05/2020

**0.6**

rate per 10,000 people on 07/05/2020



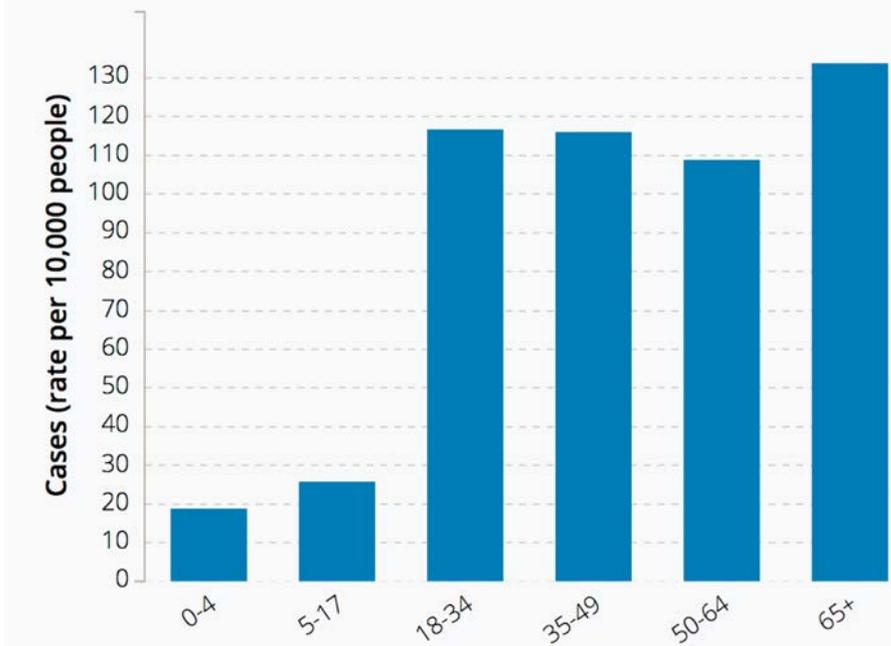
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# COVID-19: Delaware

New Positive Cases



Rate of Cases by Age



# State of Delaware–Phase 2

## Governor Carney delays move to Phase 3



# COVID-19 Testing in Delaware



State of Delaware has partnered with Curative, Inc.

Drive Thru events are being held throughout the state.

STAR Campus event July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Molecular Test Based on Saliva Swab

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**RETURN**  
T O C A M P U S

Fall Semester Commences  
September 1<sup>st</sup>. In-person classes  
end by Thanksgiving.

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



# Campus Updates and Reminders

## May 31<sup>st</sup> Updates

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

# 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 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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.





## 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.



# Phasing in Research

## Phase 2

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

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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# 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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# 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 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](mailto:tbryant@udel.edu) or your college communicators.

# Questions

Submit your questions  
via the Zoom Chat

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