

(The Meeting is Being Recorded for Posting Online)

# COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

## Virtual Town Hall

Monday, August 17, 2020

1–2 pm



# New Academic Administrative Appointments

Lou Rossi, Graduate College



Maria Aristigueta, Biden School



Michael Chajes, Honors College



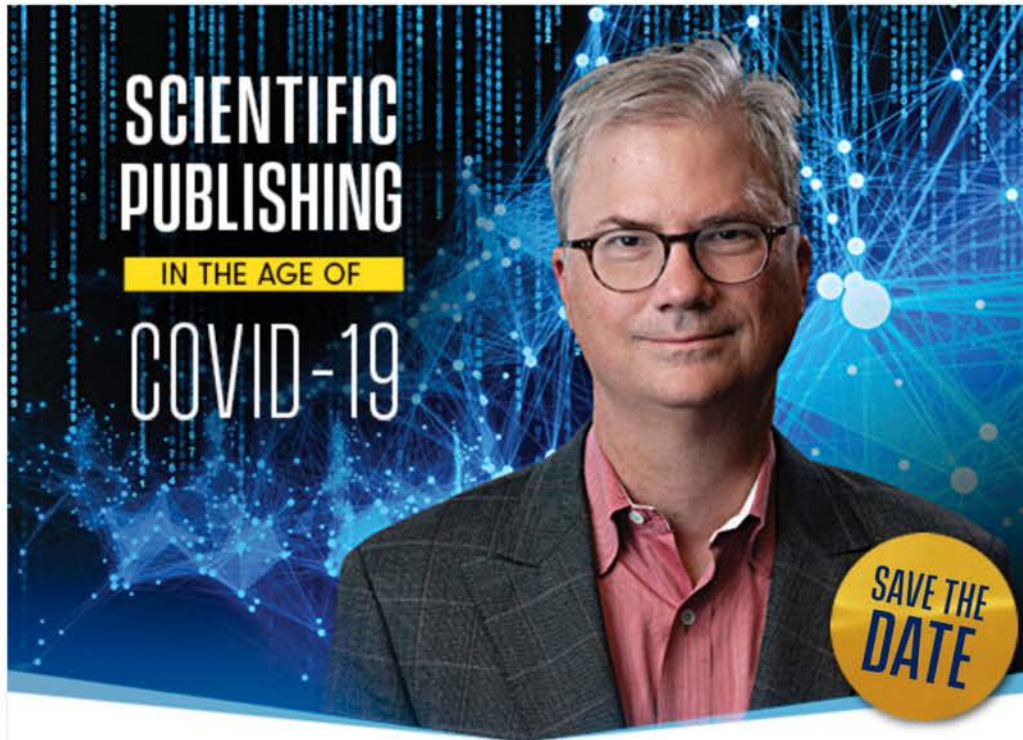
# Academic Operations Town Halls



Hosted by the Provost's Office

Every Friday  
1–2 pm

[Zoom Registration](#)



## 2020 Edward G. Jefferson Life Sciences Lecture

WEBINAR

Wednesday,  
September 16<sup>th</sup>

1:30-3:00 pm

**H. Holden Thorp**, Editor-in-Chief: *Science* Family of Journals

# Fall Virtual Symposium on Computational Social Science for an Inclusive Society – October 3rd



## **Propose a Session**

***Workshops and Panel Discussions:*** (Faculty and Staff/Community)

***Skill Building Sessions:*** (Faculty and Staff/Community)

***Virtual Posters:*** (Graduate Students)

If you want to propose a session, fill out the virtual form by September 1.

Prof. John McNutt, [mcnuttjq@udel.edu](mailto:mcnuttjq@udel.edu)

[https://delaware.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e3YYg6NbPgLlCkP](https://delaware.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3YYg6NbPgLlCkP)

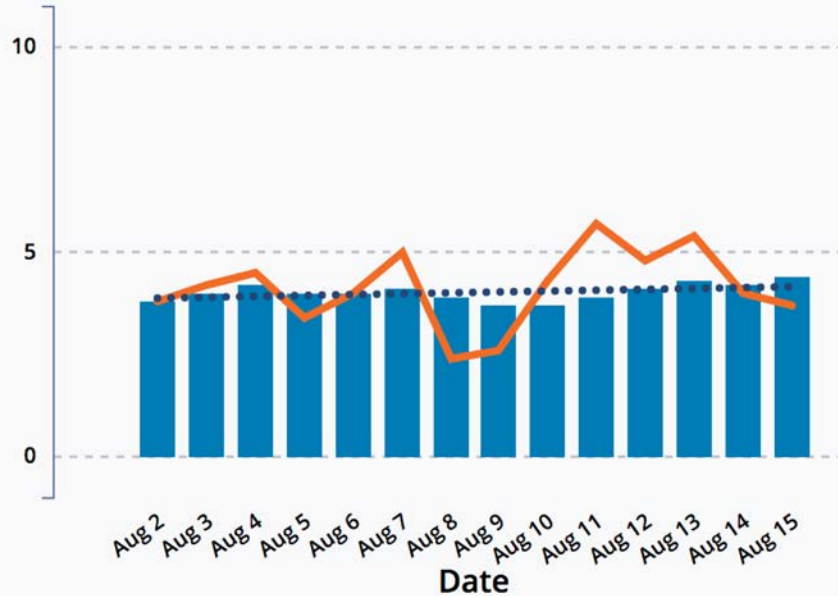
# State of Delaware–Phase 2

Weekly COVID-19 Update:  
New Daily COVID Cases  
Remain Below 100 for the  
Last Week; Critically Ill  
Decreases

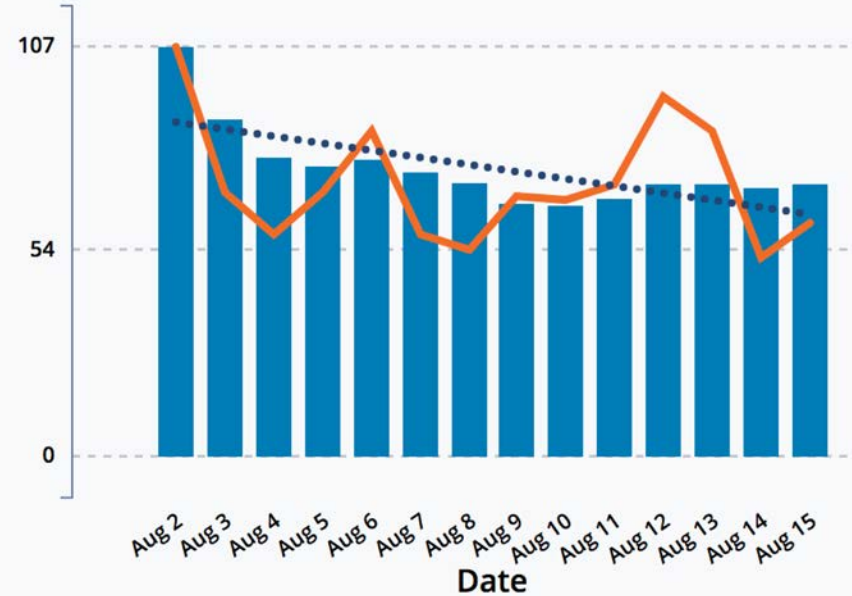


# COVID-19: Delaware

Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive



New Positive Cases

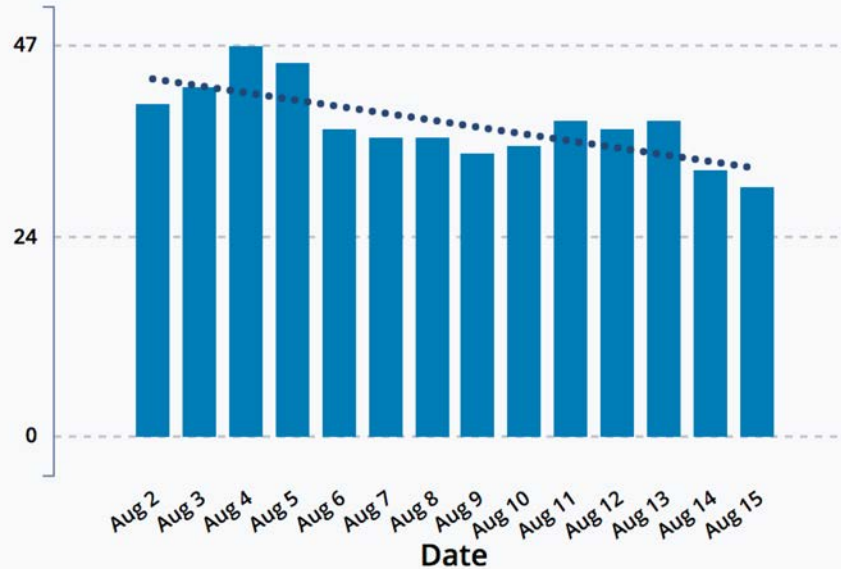


■ Average 
 — Percent Who Tested Positive 
 ●● Trend Line

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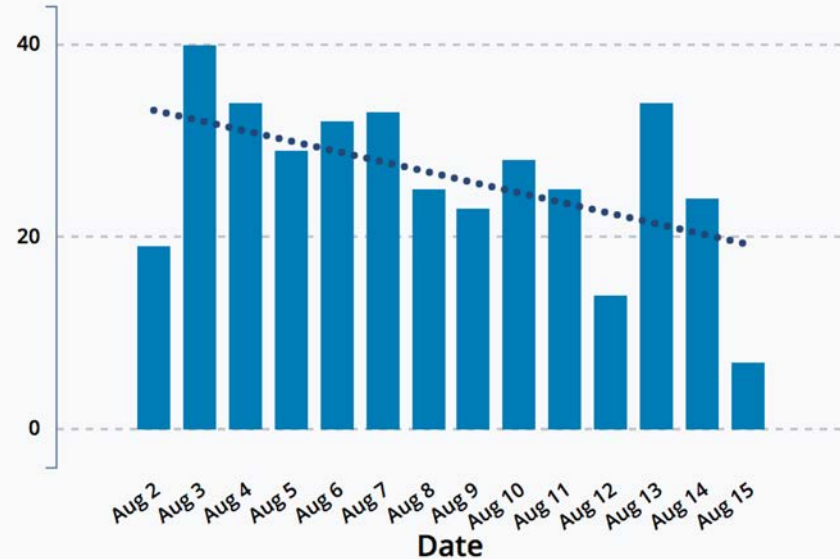
# COVID-19: Delaware

## Current Hospitalizations



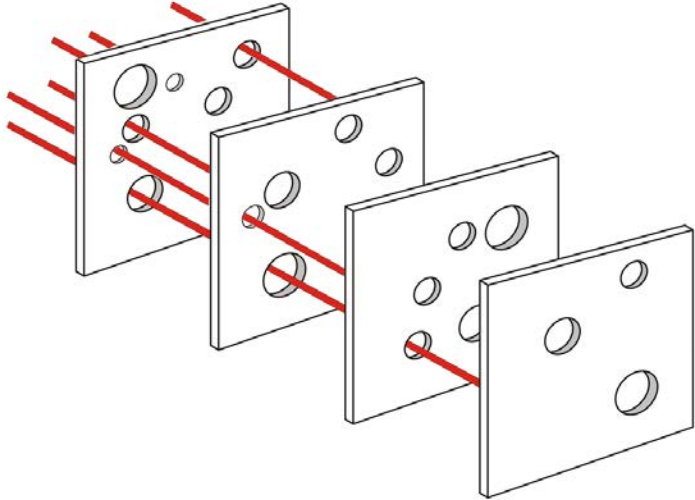
■ Current Hospitalizations (Statewide) ●● Trend Line

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



■ New Hospital Admissions ●● Trend Line

# COVID-19 Risk Mitigation



Health screening

Physical distancing

Hand washing

Cloth face coverings

Testing

Contact tracing

Isolating

Quarantining

## Pre-Arrival Testing

Before returning to campus, students, faculty and staff must be tested for COVID-19. This includes students living on campus as well as students who live off campus and have face-to-face coursework or plan to use campus facilities.

**PRE-ARRIVAL  
TESTING INFO >**

## Health Screenings

Students, faculty, staff and visitors will be required to complete a short online health screening each day prior to entering a campus facility.

**HEALTH SCREENING  
INFO >**

## COVID-19 Testing

Ongoing COVID-19 testing of the UD community is a critical part of the University's plan to protect the health and safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors.

**COVID-19 TESTING  
INFO >**

## Contact Tracing

For contact tracing, public health staff work with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 to help them identify everyone with whom they have had close contact during the timeframe while they may have been infectious.

**CONTACT TRACING  
INFO >**

# UD Pre-Arrival Testing

**Before returning to campus, students, faculty and staff must be tested for COVID-19.**

- Students living on campus
- Students who live off campus and have face-to-face coursework or plan to use campus facilities
- Faculty and staff who are working on campus
- Those working on campus who have a contractual arrangement with the University, such as visiting scholars, contractors or vendors

# UD Pre-Arrival Testing

## What kind of test is required?

Individuals must get a molecular diagnostic test that identifies an active infection of the coronavirus. This is known as a PCR or RT-PCR test. It detects the virus's genetic material.

## When should I get a test?

Individuals must be tested within 14 days **before** arriving on campus. Please consult with your healthcare provider or testing site, as it may take several days to schedule a test and get results.

# UD Pre-Arrival Testing

## What should I do after getting a test?

After completing a pre-arrival test, you must self-quarantine until you arrive on campus. The purpose of this step is to avoid becoming infected before coming to campus. The University understands that some students, faculty and staff must continue to work or must travel to campus and therefore cannot completely self-quarantine. Please focus on doing whatever is possible to avoid exposure to the virus.

# UD Pre-Arrival Testing

## What if I'm already working on campus or I need to come to campus before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to prepare for the fall semester?

Individuals who are already working on campus, e.g. in research labs, should be tested as soon as possible and continue with daily health screenings. They do not need to self-quarantine. Faculty who need to come to campus prior to Sept. 1 to prepare for fall should request access and they can continue to come to UD if that access is approved. They do need to get a COVID-19 test and submit the results, but they don't need to quarantine at home if the test is negative.

# Daily Health Screening

Students, faculty, staff and visitors will be required to complete a short online health screening each day prior to entering a campus facility.

## Why is UD requiring health screenings?

Health screenings will help provide early detection of a COVID-19 infection may help prevent an outbreak in the UD community. **It is essential that all questions are answered completely and honestly each time the health screening is completed.**

**Based on your responses, you are eligible to come to campus today.**



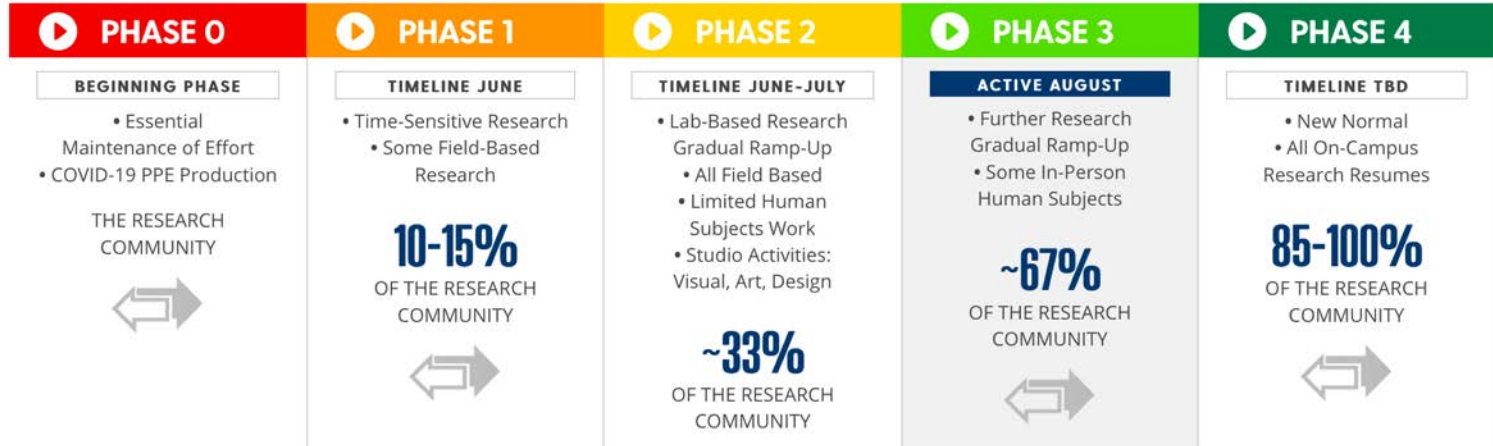
Based on your responses, you are not eligible to come to campus today. Based on your symptoms we recommend that you reach out to [health services, campus health hotline, etc] to schedule a test.





## Research Ramp-Up Phases

Click on each phase for more details. We are now reviewing PI request forms for Phase 3. If you already have campus access and are bringing additional coworkers on-site and/or accessing additional space you must submit a new Phase 3 request.



# Phasing in Research

Phase 3 commenced August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Phase 3**  
Further  
expansion of  
on-site research  
**~67%**

- Research that can effectively be conducted remotely should continue remotely, including meetings, advising, etc.
- An indoor density of, at most, one person per 125 square feet will allow two-thirds of laboratory personnel to be at work simultaneously. More importantly than the square footage, it **is critical that work density continues to allow individuals to stay at least 6 feet apart.**

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- Additional in-person clinical/human subjects research and extension/outreach activities are permitted.
- Common spaces may be used in a **limited** capacity. Specifically, at most, 10 individuals are permitted in a shared space provided the space can accommodate the total number of individuals separated by at least 6 feet. Common spaces **cannot** be used for eating/drinking at this time.

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- Faculty may request access to work in their office on a regular basis. Requests are submitted to their Dean and then to the Provost for approval. **If approved, faculty will need to work alone in their office.** Additional guidance will be provided to faculty who are approved for access.

# Phasing in Research

Do I need to complete an access request form?

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- Yes, if you are seeking approval to bring additional coworkers back, even if you have access in a prior Phase.
- Yes, if you are seeking access for face-to-face human subject research.
- Yes, if you are seeking approval for an outreach/ community engagement/extension activity.
- No, if you have access in an earlier Phase and are not bringing additional coworkers back.
- Yes, if you are requesting regular access to your office and have not been approved for research access.

# Phasing in Research

## Close Contact Interactions

1. Can the interaction be performed remotely?
2. Can the interaction be deferred to a later Phase?
3. If answers to 1 & 2 are no, then follow the guidance for PPE for Close Contact Interactions.

# PPE, Including for Close Contact Interactions

	Bench-top lab work*	Work with animals	Non-biomedical procedures with humans	Biomedical procedures with Humans (e.g., biospecimen collection, sensors placement, etc.)	Procedures involving generation of aerosols (e.g., exercise testing, invasive nasal/oral procedures, etc.)
 CLOTH MASK	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
 SURGICAL MASK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
 N95 RESPIRATOR	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
 MASK & FACE SHIELD	✓	✗	✓ <sup>#</sup>	✓	✓

# 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

- A weekly update about fall semester issues each Wed. from OCM — via email, UDaily, social media.
- “Frontiers of Discovery” highlights summer undergraduate research with student profiles through mid-September.



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



**Next Town Hall**  
**Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**  
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