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

https://delaware.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3YYg6NbPgLlcKp
Weekly COVID-19 Update: New Daily COVID Cases Remain Below 100 for the Last Week; Critically Ill Decreases
COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 8/16/20

Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive

New Positive Cases

https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state/days_to_show/14/primary_trend_type/bar#trends_dashboard
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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.

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.

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.

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.
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.
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.
What if I’m already working on campus or I need to come to campus before Sept. 1st 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 and 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.
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.

**PHASE 0**
- BEGINNING PHASE
- Essential Maintenance of Effort
- COVID-19 PPE Production

**PHASE 1**
- TIMELINE JUNE
- Time-Sensitive Research
- Some Field-Based Research

**PHASE 2**
- TIMELINE JUNE-JULY
- Lab-Based Research
- Gradual Ramp-Up
- All Field Based
- Limited Human Subjects Work
- Studio Activities: Visual, Art, Design

**PHASE 3**
- ACTIVE AUGUST
- Further Research
- Gradual Ramp-Up
- Some In-Person Human Subjects

**PHASE 4**
- TIMELINE TBD
- New Normal
- All On-Campus Research Resumes

THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

10-15% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

~33% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

~67% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

85-100% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

[https://research.udel.edu/covid-19-return-to-research/](https://research.udel.edu/covid-19-return-to-research/)
Phase 3 commenced August 10th.

- 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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Phasing in Research

Phase 3 commenced August 10th.

• 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.

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

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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.

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Phasing in Research

Do I need to complete an access request form?

- 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.

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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.

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## PPE, Including for Close Contact Interactions

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**UD PPE Guidance**
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

• 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 or your college communicators.
Questions
Submit your questions via the Zoom Chat

Next Town Hall
Monday, August 31st
1–2 pm

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