COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Monday, August 31, 2020

1–2 pm
2020 Edward G. Jefferson Life Sciences Lecture

WEBINAR
Wednesday, September 16th
1:30-3:00 pm
Register
Submit a Question

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.

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https://delaware.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3YYg6NbPgLlcKp
Today’s Guests

Velia Fowler  
Chair, Department of Biological Sciences

Lou Rossi  
Dean, Graduate College
Weekly COVID-19 Update: New Daily Cases, Recoveries Steady; Number of Hospitalized Persons Rises
COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 8/30/20

https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state/days_to_show/14/primary_trend_type/bar#trends_dashboard
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Current Hospitalizations (Statewide)  ●  Trend Line

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

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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
  
  THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

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

  10-15% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

**PHASE 2**
- **TIMELINE 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**
- **ACTIVE AUGUST**
- 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

https://research.udel.edu/covid-19-return-to-research/
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.
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.**
Daily Health Screening

Students, faculty, staff will receive an email each morning from UD (noreply@udel.edu) with the subject line: “Action Required: University of Delaware Daily Health Check”. Can also enter cell number to receive a text notification as well.

Hi Charles,

All faculty, staff and students utilizing University of Delaware facilities must self-monitor for COVID-19 by completing this survey each day before leaving your residence to utilize campus facilities. Based on your responses, you will either be cleared to access campus, or you will not be cleared and will be directed to other resources to protect your health and the health of the community.

http://covidcheck.udel.edu

For more information: https://www.udel.edu/home/coronavirus/return/testing/#screenings

Thank you.
University of Delaware

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Daily Health Screening

Face Coverings Required

If you have forgotten yours, disposable masks are available for free at various locations around campus. Find one by visiting udel.edu/return

#ProtectTheFlock

You must complete a daily health check before entering this building.

udel.edu/covidcheck

By entering this facility, you are verifying that you have completed the University’s health questionnaire, are feeling well and do not have any symptoms of COVID-19.

#ProtectTheFlock

Testing, Screening, Tracing

http://covidcheck.udel.edu
Daily Health Screening

Effective tomorrow (9/1), use ONLY the Qualtrics survey. All other platforms are retired.

You may ask a student or employee to present their health screening clearance.

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Surveillance Testing

What is surveillance testing? Testing of asymptomatic individuals. If you have symptoms, DO NOT participate in surveillance testing; call SHS or your health care provider.

How frequently and how many tests? UD plans to conduct at least 1000 surveillance tests per week–Mondays and Wednesdays. Individuals will receive an invitation to participate.

Tests are unofficial. Presumptive positive test results will be followed up with an FDA-approved test to confirm the result.
Contact Tracing

What is contact tracing? Interview of COVID+ or presumptive positive individuals to identify close contacts (6 feet; 15 minutes) to help slow the spread of the virus.

Who does the contact tracing? Delaware Division of Public Health with support from UD.

What should I do if contacted? If you receive a call from (302) 446-4262, or your caller ID says “DE PUBLICHEALTH,” answer and cooperate. It will keep you and our community safe and healthy.
Keeping the Campus Informed

Later this week, UD will launch a COVID-19 dashboard.

Pre-arrival testing results
Positive cases (confirmed by DE DPH)
Students (on-campus and in Newark) and employees
Contractors and sub-contractors

Occupancy rates of UD isolation and quarantine spaces
Have you been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or do you have symptoms of COVID-19?

**NEGATIVE**

CLOSE CONTACT: within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more

QUARANTINE: you may have been exposed to COVID-19 and are therefore at higher risk. Stay home and keep separate from others; use separate bathroom.

ISOLATE: if you have tested positive or have COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and keep separate from others; use separate bathroom.

SELF MONITOR: Check symptoms and temperature twice per day. Practice physical distancing, hand washing and mask wearing. If symptoms appear contact SHS or your health care provider.

Call Student Health Services (students) or your health care provider (employees).

**POSITIVE**

ISOLATE and inform SHS (students) or HR (employees).

10 days since first positive test or from when symptoms first started; at least 24 hours since last fever w/o use of fever-reducing meds; other symptoms have improved

Return to Campus Activities

**YES**

QUARANTINE

Call Student Health Services (students) or your health care provider (employees).

If your COVID-19 test is:

NEGATIVE

Self-monitor for symptoms and continue to quarantine for 14 days from date of last contact with COVID-19 positive person.

POSITIVE

ISOLATE and inform SHS (students) or HR (employees).

10 days since first positive test or from when symptoms first started; at least 24 hours since last fever w/o use of fever-reducing meds; other symptoms have improved

Return to Campus Activities

**No**

SELF MONITOR for symptoms

Student Health Services
sites.udel.edu/studenthealth/
302-831-2226

Human Resources
www.udel.edu/faculty-staff/human-resources/
302-831-2171

www.udel.edu/home/coronavirus/
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
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Questions
Submit your questions via the Zoom Chat

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