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COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Monday, October 26, 2020

2–3 pm



Agenda

1. UD COVID-19 Updates
2. State of Delaware Updates
3. Research Phase 3
4. UD Personnel Actions
5. Questions- Chat Function



The University Faculty Senate

Open Hearing for the Discussion of the Draft Report from the Task Force on Equity in Faculty Evaluation



Today

October 26th

3:30–5 pm

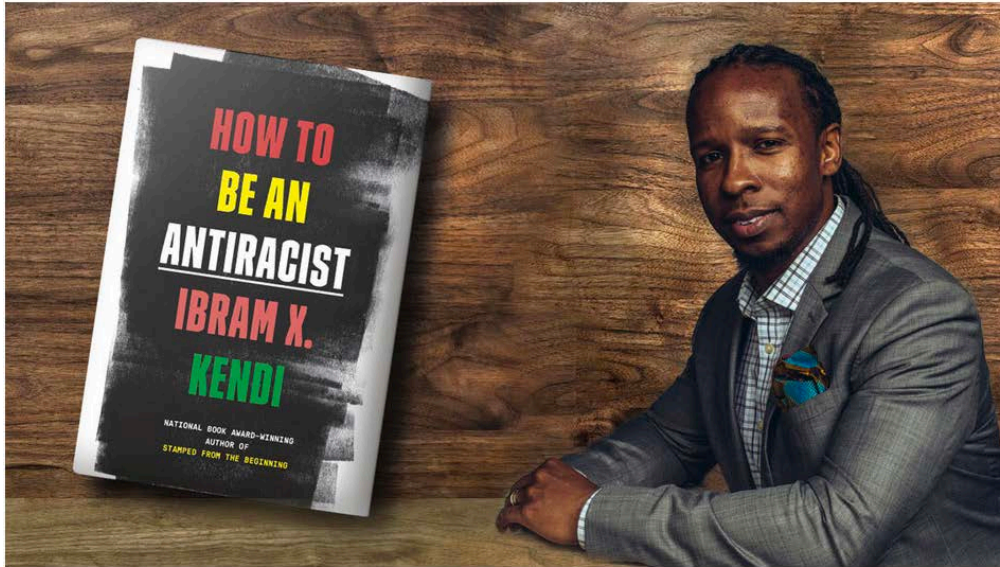
[Zoom Link](#)

[Task Force Report](#)

Biden Institute Special Event

featuring

Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, Author, *How To Be An Antiracist*



hosted by

Dr. Michael L. Vaughan

Interim Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion

Today

October 26th

6 pm

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

This year's virtual event will feature eight speakers—UD students, faculty and alumni—sharing their insights on the concept of connectivity, a relevant topic as we all find ways to stay connected in a time of social distance.

A panel discussion with the speakers will allow participants to gain a greater understanding of the topics.

*Seyanna Barrett, Emily Christopher
Barrett Michalec, Jacquie Jordan
Joshua Stout, Julie Kohn
Muqtedar Khan, Quinetta Roberson*



October 27th, 4 pm

[Registration](#)

UD COVID Surveillance Testing

COVID-19 testing sites to move indoors beginning today, Oct. 26th



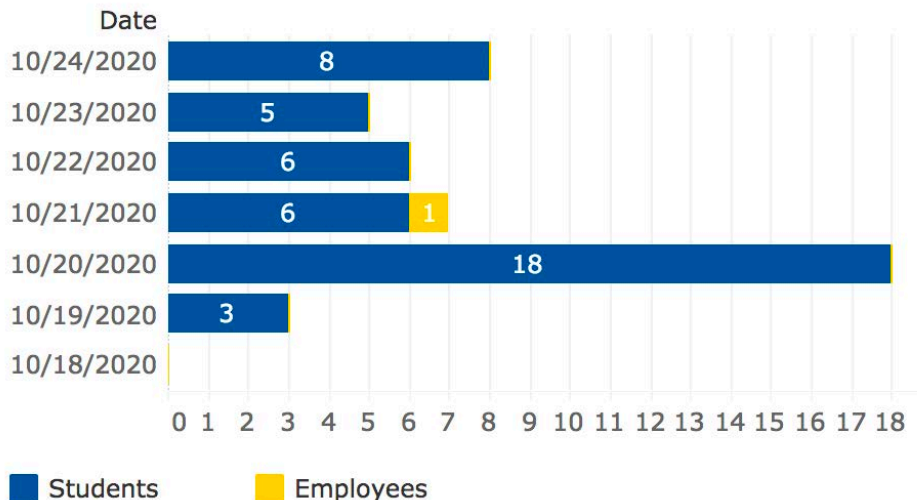
Asymptomatic employees and students may [register online](#) for a free test.

[Clayton Hall](#) on the Laird Campus
and
[Rodney Room](#) located in the Perkins Student Center

University of Delaware COVID Dashboard

Daily New Positive Cases

Week Filter



On-campus Surveillance Testing

Day	Date	# tested	Positives	Positivity Rate
	September	4072	89	2.19%
Mon	10/5/20	487	6	1.23%
Wed	10/7/20	560	2	0.36%
Wed	10/14//20	700	7	1.00%
Mon	10/19//20	597	11	1.84%
Wed	10/21/20	632	3	0.47%
	Total	7048	118	1.67%

Dr. Tim Dowling
Director
Student Health Services

COVID and the UD Community

- The semester so far
 - Student transmission
 - Community transmission
 - Spring semester
 - Testing plans
 - Classrooms
 - Labs

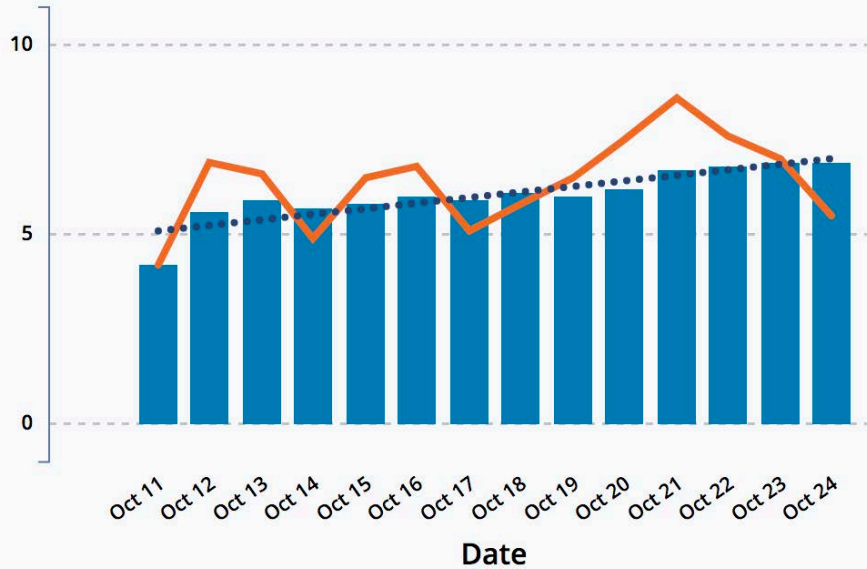
State of Delaware–Phase 2

Weekly COVID-19 Update:
New Daily Cases,
Hospitalizations Remain
Elevated; Deaths Increase

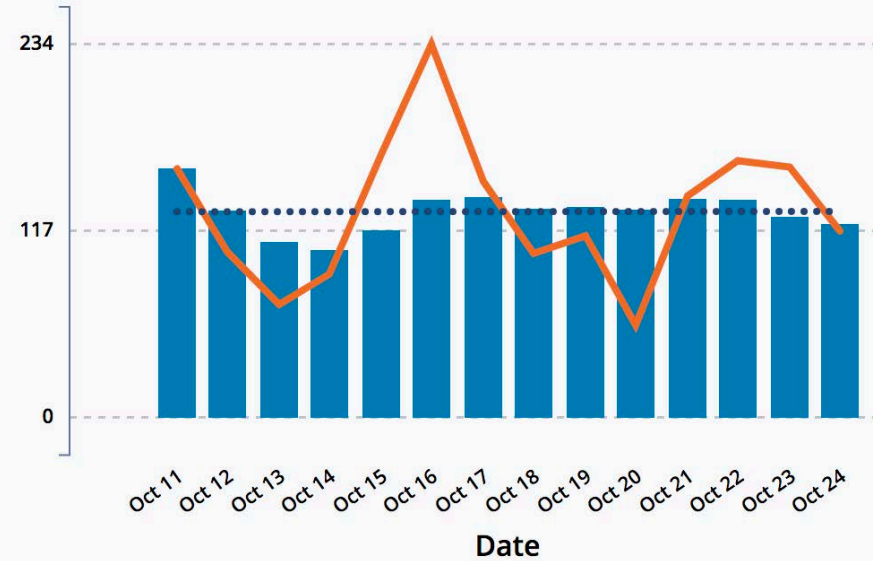


COVID-19: Delaware

Percent of persons testing positive



New Positive Cases

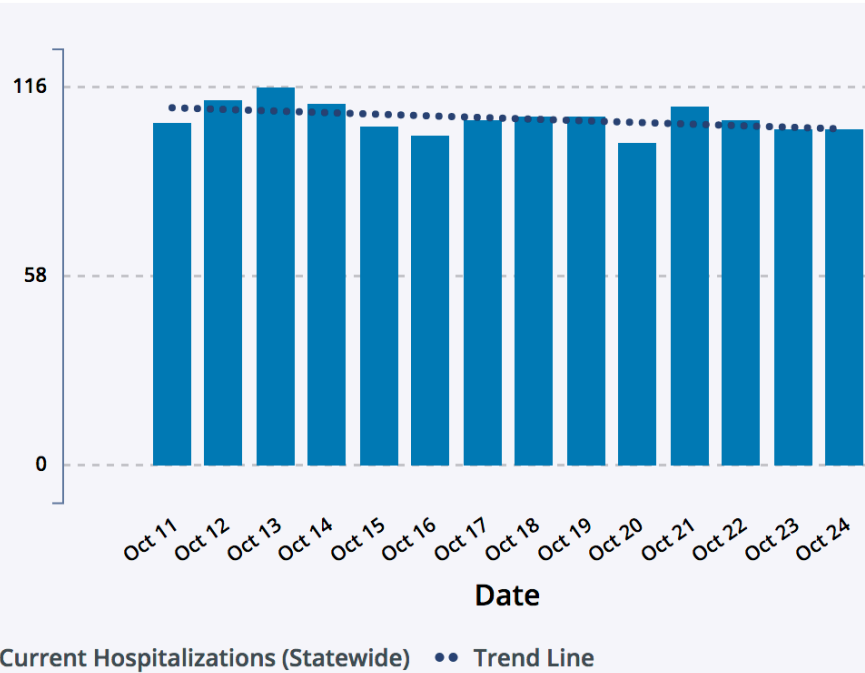


■ Average — Percent Positive •• Trend Line

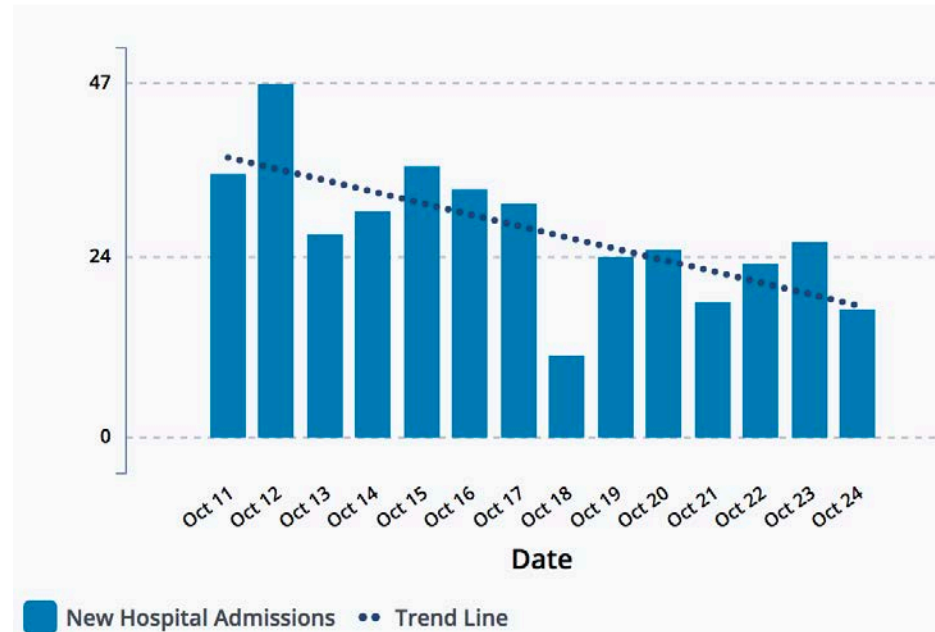
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COVID-19: Delaware

Current Hospitalizations



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



COVID-19: Delaware

Delaware's PPE Inventory Status



Fluid Resistant Gowns and Isolation Gowns

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Face Shields

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Glasses and Goggles

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Gloves

1-2 Weeks Left



Isolation and Procedural- Ear Loop Masks

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



N95 Masks

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)



Surgical Masks

2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

UD Environmental Health & Safety continues to monitor PPE inventories. Gloves were purchased three weeks ago.

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 caller ID says “DE PUBLICHEALTH,” answer and cooperate.

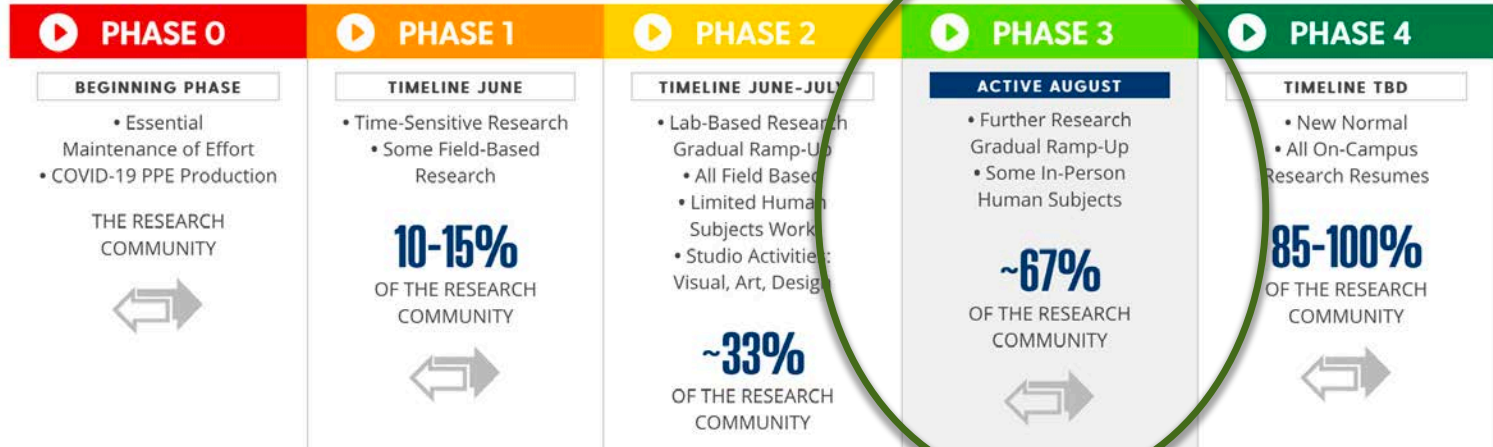


COVID Alert DE — available on the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#)



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.



Personnel Actions

UPDATED GUIDANCE

Campus-wide Reductions in Time (furloughs)

Do not apply to students, postdoctoral fellows, **postdoctoral researchers** or employees on H1-B visas.

Regardless of funding source (includes grants, contracts, federal, state)

Fairness

Compliance—treating federal and non-federal funds similarly

Effort Certification

Financial Impact

Personnel Actions

UPDATED GUIDANCE

UD's taxonomy classifies postdoctoral researchers as either fellows (trainees) or researchers (employees) and thus, the original reduction in time guidance applied uniformly to postdoctoral researchers. UD's historical classification system does not recognize the dual roles of all postdoctoral researchers, as both trainees and employees, as they continue their career development. After careful consideration, **it has been determined that postdoctoral researchers, regardless of funding source, shall be exempt from the reduction in time guidance.**

Personnel Actions

Q: My sponsored project has defined deliverables and timelines that will be impacted if employees are required to take days off. Requiring time off will impact project success. Is this a violation of the signed agreement?

A: Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, sponsors have provided guidance adding flexibility with respect to deadlines, deliverables, carry-over funding and no-cost extensions. You should consult published sponsor guidance or your program manager. In cases in which no flexibility is afforded, consult with your unit's contract and grants specialist in the Research Office.

[Apply for an Exception](#)

Example of Sponsor Guidance

MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF SCIENCE APPLICANTS AND AWARDEES

FROM: CHRIS FALL, DIRECTOR (Sept. 30, 2020)

OFFICE OF SCIENCE (DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY)

SUBJECT: Response to Delayed Progress in Research Caused by COVID-19

The Office of Science is **committed to maximum flexibility** in administering awards, **recognizing potential delays in research** caused by impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Investigators will not be penalized for such delays.

Progress reports will be read in light of the real disruptions from the pandemic.

With regard to future applications, merit reviewers will be reminded that SC recognizes the real and potential delays when evaluating new and renewal proposals.

Personnel Actions

Q: Can I re-budget the funds that are not expended because of the salary reductions?

A: Yes, in most cases the amount to be re-budgeted does not require sponsor prior approval. However, you should check with your assigned contract and grant specialist if you are unsure.

Q: How do the reductions in time impact effort reporting for individuals paid with sponsored program funds?

A: Reductions in time do not affect effort reporting. Effort is calculated based on an individual's compensated activities. During a reduction in time, the individual's effort and compensated time are reduced proportionately.

Supporting Our Community

- Students can contact the Center for Counseling & Student Development at (302) 831-2141 or (302) 831-1001 for after-hours emergencies, or Student Health Services at (302) 831-2226.
- Faculty and staff may contact the Employee Assistance Program within Human Resources at (302) 831-2171 and/or their health care provider.

Questions

Submit your questions via the Zoom Chat



Next Town Hall
Monday, November 9th
2–3 pm

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