COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Monday, January 25, 2021

2–3 pm
Agenda

1. State of Delaware Updates
2. UD COVID-19 Updates
3. Research Updates
4. Questions- Chat Function
Amanda Gorman, National Youth Poet Laureate
Biden Administration “Day One” Initiatives

COVID-19

Economic Recovery

Racial Equity

Climate Change
Weekly COVID-19 Update:

New Positive Cases, Hospitalizations Remain Elevated But Trends Leveling Out
State of Delaware Statistics

Data reported 1/25/21

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Day with reporting anomaly. Hospitalization data from the Covid Tracking Project; 14-day change trends use 7-day averages.
COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 1/24/21

Percent Positive = 8.5%

https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state/days_to_show/14/primary_trend_type/bar#trends_dashboard
COVID-19: Delaware

Data reported 1/24/21

Current Hospitalizations

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

https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state/days_to_show/14/primary_trend_type/bar#trends_dashboard
COVID-19: Delaware

Delaware's PPE Inventory Status

- **Fluid Resistant Gowns and Isolation Gowns**: 2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)
- **Glasses and Goggles**: 2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)
- **Isolation and Procedural-Ear Loop Masks**: 2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)
- **Surgical Masks**: 2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)
- **Face Shields**: 2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)
- **Gloves**: 2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)
- **N95 Masks**: 2 Weeks+ Left (Stable)

**ICU Bed Availability**: Stable (75% or less occupied)

**Hospital ED Wait Times**: < 5 hours

**Ventilator Availability**: Stable (75% or less occupied)

**Hospital Census/Capacity**: < 98%

[https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state#overview-inventory-status](https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state#overview-inventory-status)
University of Delaware COVID Dashboard

Daily New Positive Cases

Week Filter: Week of 2021-01-10

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Two weeks ago

Week Filter: Week of 2021-01-17

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Last week

UD COVID-19 Dashboard
UD COVID Surveillance Testing for January 2021

If coming to campus regularly, you are required to complete a COVID-19 test during your first week back. Please be mindful to avoid contact with other people while awaiting COVID-19 test results; you are permitted on campus while test results are pending.

Tests from outside sites or programs are accepted provided the results are uploaded to the Human Resources portal—
http://www1.udel.edu/fac-staff-covidtest

Mondays & Wednesdays
Clayton Hall
10 am–1 pm
Harker ISE Lab
9 am–noon
If you are not coming to campus regularly, please do not access the UD surveillance testing sites. These are intended only for UD employees and students regularly accessing campus facilities.
COVID Surveillance Testing

Saturdays, 10 am to 3 pm on STAR Campus. Drive-through test hosted by New Castle County. Pre-registration required.  
https://curative.com/19711 - 9/39.68/-75.74

Additional testing sites by date and location (enter zip code)  
https://curative.com/search


Receive a free COVID-19 Home Test Kit from the State of Delaware.  
https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/home-test-kit/

List of available testing sites
Plans are being finalized based on CDC and Delaware DPH guidance and will be communicated shortly.
Testing after a Positive COVID-19 Test

Consistent with CDC guidance, if you have tested positive for COVID-19 you are not expected to take a COVID-19 test within 90 days of your positive test.

After the 90-day period, please return to following UD testing guidelines as prescribed.

CDC: For persons previously diagnosed with symptomatic COVID-19 who remain asymptomatic after recovery, retesting is not recommended within 3 months after the date of symptom onset for the initial COVID-19 infection.

CDC Guidance on Retesting
Vaccination Planning

University officials are working with the State Division of Public Health on plans for distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. Details will be announced as soon as plans are available.

The state of Delaware has included persons 65 and older and educators in Phase 1b. Phase 1b has commenced with a focus on those 65 and older. Vaccination supplies and distribution are constrained at this time.

If you are 65 or older, you can register here https://vaccinerequest.delaware.gov/s/?language=en_US
Delaware Vaccination Data

Data reported 1/24/21

Vaccines Delivered to Delaware
Pfizer: 34,125
Moderna: 62,200
Total: 96,325

Total Doses Administered
67,475 (70.0%)
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/](https://research.udel.edu/covid-19-return-to-research/)
Research Administration
Reminders
“It is not illegal to collaborate with foreign researchers. It is illegal to lie about it”
# Foreign Involvement in Research

**ANNOUNCEMENT** UD Moratorium on Huawei-Related Transactions

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[https://research.udel.edu/regulatory-affairs/foreign-involvement/](https://research.udel.edu/regulatory-affairs/foreign-involvement/)
Conflicts of interest are expected.
Most conflicts are mitigated by disclosure.
If conflicts develop, they must be managed.
Management plans must be reviewed periodically.
UD Policy on Conflicts of Interest

To promote and support objectivity in research and education activities

- Involvement of faculty and professional staff with appropriate commercial enterprises to enrich teaching and research activities is encouraged by the University.
- It should be such that it benefits all the parties involved including the University.
- Requires that significant financial interests of faculty, staff and other members of the University-research community be disclosed;
- Provides means for managing conflicts of interest when they arise.

**Disclose, Disclose, Disclose**
**Review Agency Specific Guidance**

**NIH:** disclose all conflicts of interest, foreign affiliations, conflicts of commitment, and other support in applications for NIH grants.  

**NSF:** submission of biographical sketches, including disclosure of all appointments; disclosure of all current and pending support information.  

**DOE:**
[https://www.sciencemag.org/sites/default/files/DECEMBER%20DOE%20MEMO.pdf](https://www.sciencemag.org/sites/default/files/DECEMBER%20DOE%20MEMO.pdf)
Questions

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Responsible Conduct in Research

UD Webinar
Wednesday February 10th

Online RCR training is sufficient to fulfill the NSF, and NIFA requirements.

NIH prescribes that formal and informal in-person discussions on these topics should also be part of RCR. The webinar is offered, and attendance is expected to satisfy the NIH training requirement.

Webinar Registration
RESEARCH OFFICE CLOSURES

February 15, 2021
April 2, 2021
May 28, 2021
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, February 8th
2–3 pm

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