COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Monday, April 19, 2021
2–3 pm
Agenda

1. State of Delaware Updates
2. UD COVID & Research Updates
3. Questions – Zoom Q&A
10th Annual Graduate Students’ Forum

“Succeeding in a Virtual World: Advancing Your Research and Career Journey”

April 23rd, 10 am EDT

Representative Lisa Blunt Rochester, United States Congresswoman for Delaware and UD graduate student alumna, will address the Forum in addition to a keynote panel featuring Dr. Wei Chen, Managing Director, Head of Credit Strategy and Analytics at Barclays; Ms. Fatimah Conley, JD, UD’s Interim Chief Diversity Officer; Dr. Rudolf Eigenmann, Professor, UD’s Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering; and Dr. Lou Rossi, Dean of UD’s Graduate College and Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education.
General Faculty Meeting

Monday, May 3\textsuperscript{rd}
3 pm
We seek to appoint an individual with an established record of research excellence, including NIH funding, strong faculty and staff mentoring skills, an unwavering commitment to inclusive excellence and social justice, the ability to build community and collaborations between disparate groups and institutions, and administrative acumen.

Contact Search Committee Chair, Charlie Riordan, riordan@udel.edu

Review of applications commences May 1st
Weekly COVID-19 Update:
Delaware Surpasses 100,000 Cases; Hospitalization Trends Remain Level
State of Delaware Statistics

Data reported 4/18/21

Tests

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<th>AVG. ON APR 17</th>
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<td>Cases</td>
<td>368</td>
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<td>Deaths</td>
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<td>209</td>
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<td>Tests</td>
<td>5,703</td>
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COVID-19: Delaware

New Cases

Percent Positive = 6.2%

Data reported 4/18/21
COVID-19: Delaware
Hospitalizations

Data reported 4/18/21

Current Hospitalizations (Statewide)  •  Trend Line

State of Delaware Dashboard
The Delaware Public Health Laboratory has sequenced 1,518 specimens for COVID-19 variant strains to date, including 92 within the past week.
Last week

Dining Halls re-opened for eat-in
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 https://curative.com/search

Tuesdays, 11 am-7 pm, the state will be testing at the Hollingsworth parking lot, at the corner of North College and Cleveland. Registration is encouraged at this link.
Delaware Vaccination Data

Vaccines Delivered to DE
Pfizer: 397,995
Moderna: 325,700
Johnson & Johnson: 47,500
Total: 771,195

Total Doses Administered
635,825 (82.4%)
## Delaware Vaccination Data

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<th>At Least One Dose</th>
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<td>364,656</td>
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After Vaccination Guidelines—What Changes

One is considered **fully vaccinated two weeks** after their second shot of 2-dose vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna) or their only shot in a single dose regimen (J&J/Janssen).

You can gather indoors with **fully vaccinated people** without wearing a mask.

You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from **one other household** without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

If you’ve been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.

However, if you live in **a group setting and are around someone who has COVID-19**, you should still stay away from others for 14 days and get tested.
Travel may resume provided UD travelers are fully vaccinated, and their travel has been approved (if required) via this online application process prior to departure.

Other UD travel remains suspended until further notice.

Travel approval is required when UD employees and students need to use shared/public transportation (e.g., Uber/Lyft, buses, trains, planes) and/or overnight accommodations. Day trips using one’s own vehicle are not subject to this approval process.

UD employees who are approved to travel are encouraged to use Concur for all travel-related bookings and transactions and are responsible for keeping up to date with changing CDC and U.S. Department of State travel guidance.
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 3
ACTIVE AUGUST
- Further Research Gradual Ramp-Up
- Some In-Person Human Subjects

~67% OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

https://research.udel.edu/covid-19-return-to-research/
Summer Undergraduate Research

UD is planning for face-to-face undergraduate research this summer.

Individual programs are making their own decisions. Students should check with the specific program director for details.
Questions
Submit your questions via the Zoom Q&A

Next Town Hall
Monday, May 3rd
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