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COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Monday, May 17, 2021

2–3 pm



Agenda

1. Campus Events
2. State of Delaware Updates
3. UD COVID & Research Updates
4. Questions – Zoom Q&A



DelawareINBRE

Delaware's Biomedical Research Catalyst

Principal Investigator/Program Director

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

Graduate College Town Hall



Graduate Student Town Hall

Thursday, May 20

11 a.m.-noon (EDT)

[Register Here](#)

Graduate College

Graduate Student Personal (Vacation) Leave Policy

Students on 12-month contracts are entitled to two weeks of paid leave in addition to days when the University is closed.



Commencement

Commencement for the Class of 2021 will be celebrated through a series of smaller, in-person ceremonies at Delaware Stadium.



Doctoral Hooding: Thursday, May 27, 4:00 pm

4 College Ceremonies: Friday, May 28, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm; Saturday, May 29, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm

Ceremonies for the Class of 2020 and 2021 will be designed to comply with current COVID-19 public health protocols and are subject to change based on conditions.

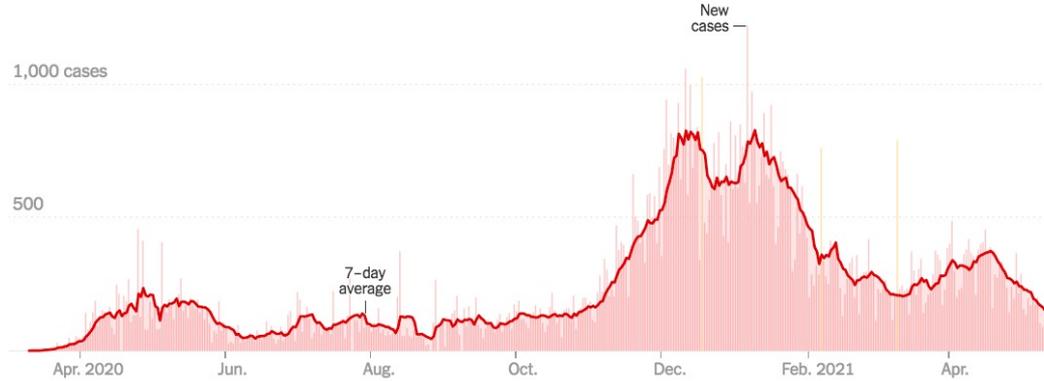
State of Delaware

Weekly COVID-19 Update: Daily Cases, Hospitalizations Continue Downward Trend



State of Delaware Statistics

Data reported 5/17/21



These are days with a reporting anomaly. Read more [here](#).

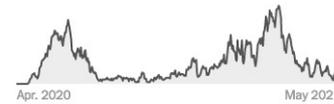
Tests



Hospitalized



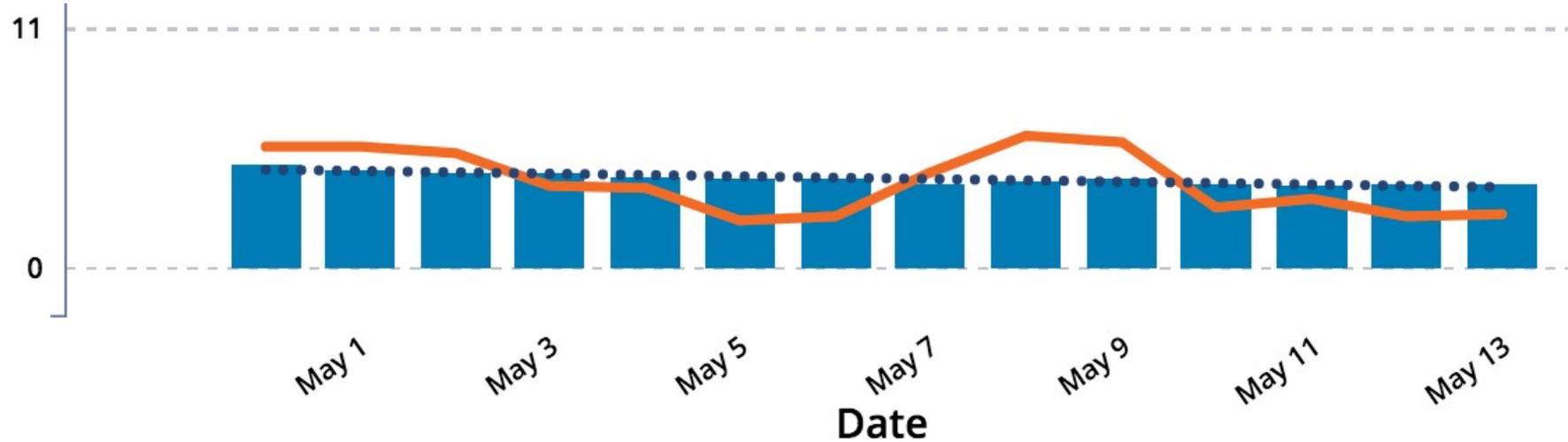
Deaths



	AVG. ON MAY 16	14-DAY CHANGE	TOTAL REPORTED
Cases	123	-49%	107,007
Tests	4,710	-30%	—
Hospitalized	111	-43%	—
Deaths	2	+50%	1,651

COVID-19: Delaware

New Cases

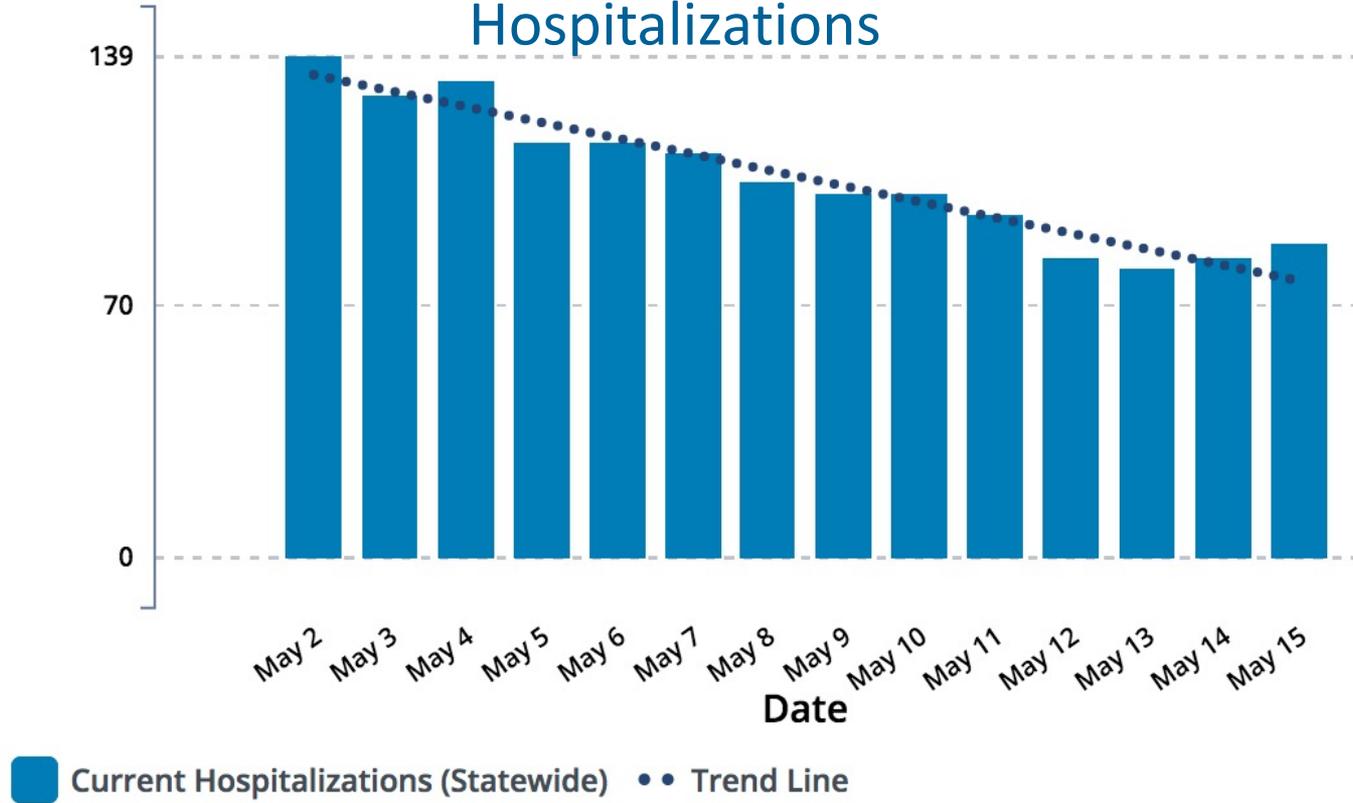


Percent Positive = 3.9%

■ Average — Percent Positive •• Trend Line

COVID-19: Delaware

Hospitalizations

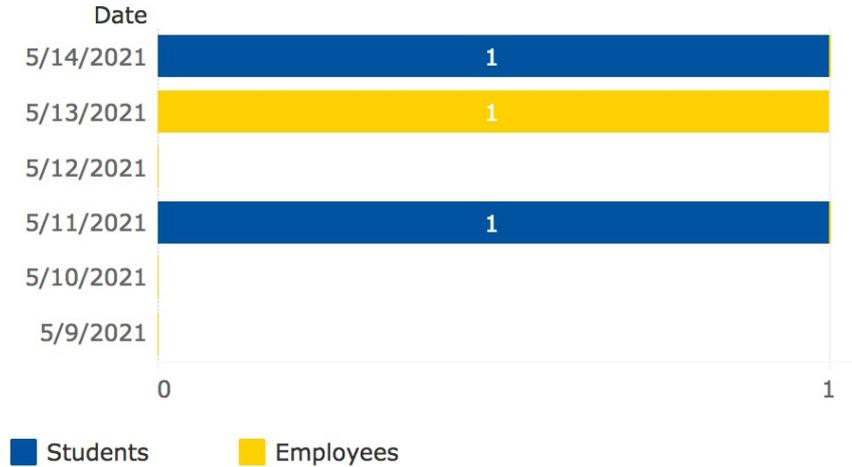


UD COVID Dashboard

Data reported 5/16/21

Daily New Positive Cases

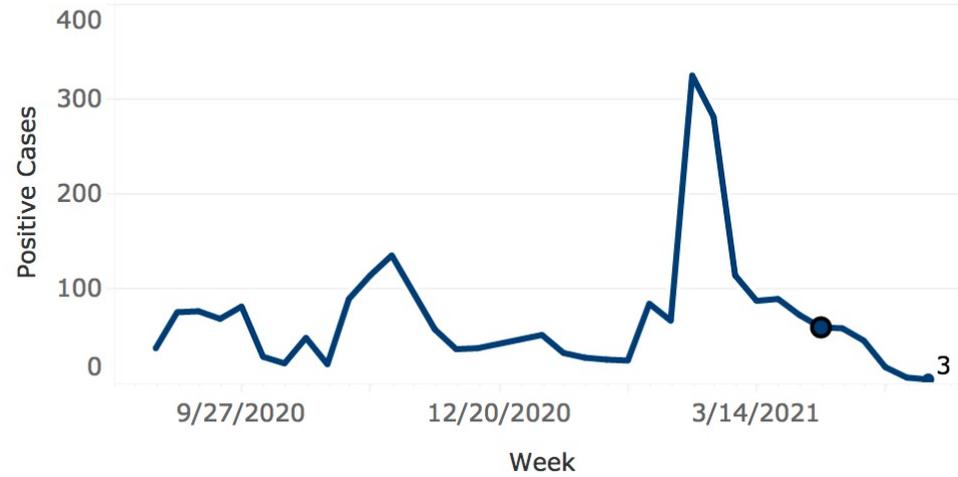
Week Filter



Last week

Positive Cases by Week

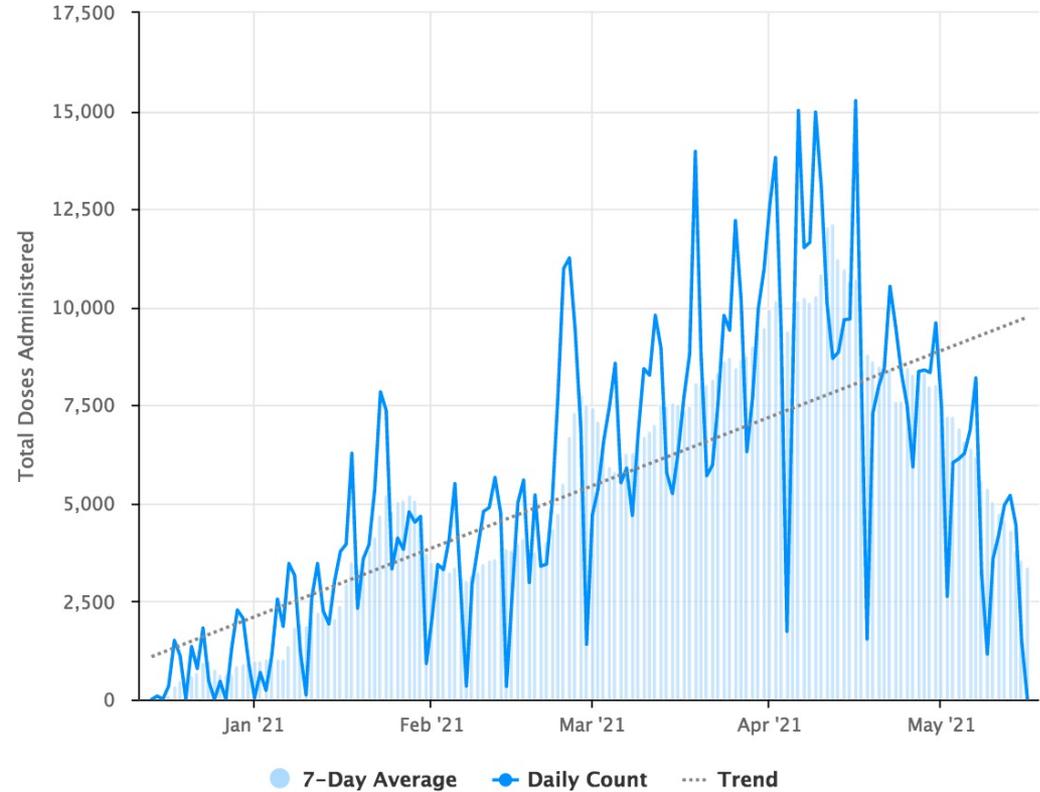
Employees and Students



Delaware Vaccination Data

Vaccines Delivered to DE
1,072,525

Total Doses Administered
842,194 (78.5%)



Delaware Vaccination Data

People Vaccinated	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
All ages	441,010	350,720
Percentage of people of all ages	46.1%	36.6%
16+ age group	438,584	350,670
Percentage of 16+ age group	56.5%	45.1%
65+ age group	154,741	137,602
Percentage of 65+ age group	88.8%	79.0%

Vaccinations

All students* are required to be vaccinated by Aug. 15th.

All employees* are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated.

Goal: immunize as many people as possible.

UD continues to monitor the latest guidance and will communicate updates in a timely manner.

*medical and religious exemptions

Vaccination Events

On Thursday, **May 20**, UD is hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic from **10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Clayton Hall**. The Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccine will be available. The clinic is open to the community. No walk-ups will be permitted. [Register here](#).

The Delaware Division of Public Health is running daily vaccination clinics at four state service centers, including one at Oxford Plaza, 256 Chapman Rd., Suite 100, in Newark. 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:15-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. For appointments, call 1-833-643-1715. Walk-ins are also accepted.

Additional vaccination events are being held near campus, including at Walgreens, Rite Aid, Acme Stores, CVS and the Hudson State Service Center. Visit [this website](#).

PI Return to Campus and Outreach Forms

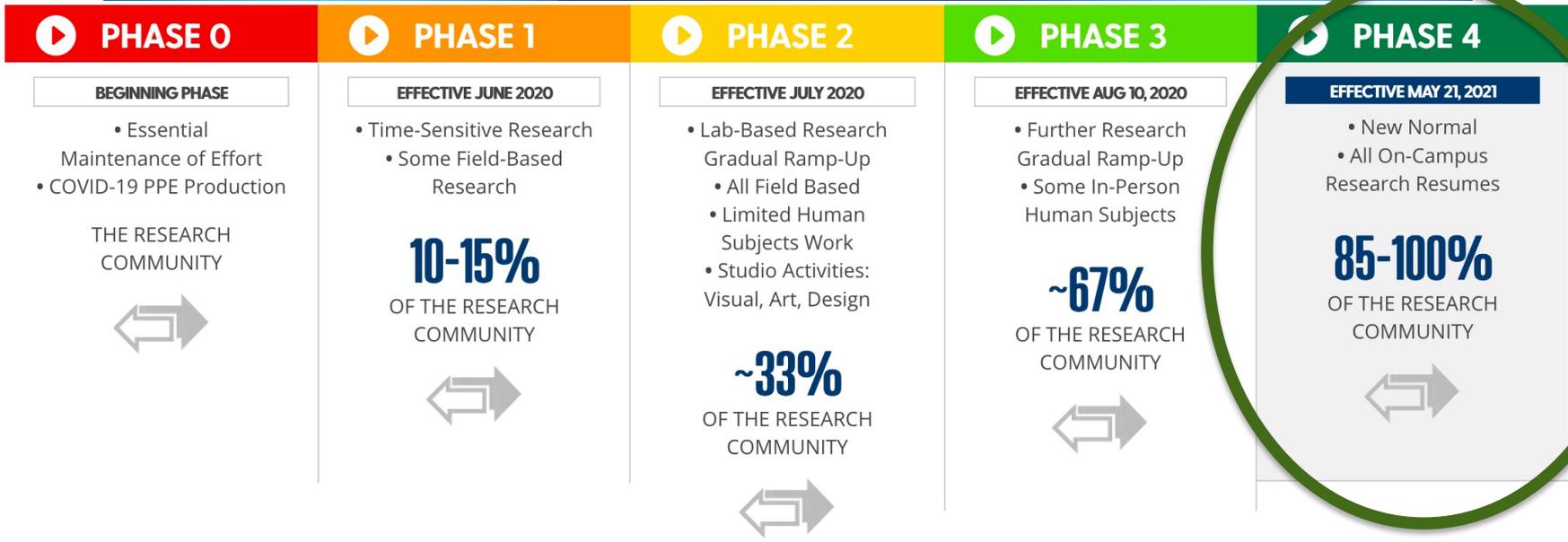
Return to Research Checklists

Employee, Student and Visitor Training

UD Workplace Guidelines

Home Health Screening

Campus Reopening and Planning



Research Phase 4: What Changes

All on-campus research will be permitted — no application required — including undergraduate research, computational research, in-person human subjects research, and extension/outreach activities.

Please note that shuttered buildings/facilities need to be approved for reopening before personnel can enter.

For research involving vulnerable populations, consider the benefits of continuing virtual engagement. Continue to follow the COVID-19 Human Subjects Research Checklist. Questions should be directed to the UD Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Research meetings of up to **12 individuals** may be held indoors, with the wearing of face coverings and physical distancing of at least **3 feet**.

Keeping personnel records for contact tracing will no longer be required.

Package deliveries becomes the responsibility of the units/departments.

Research Phase 4: What Remains the Same

Wear face coverings and lab-appropriate PPE indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Wash your hands frequently.

Complete the Qualtrics daily health screening survey. Stay home if you have symptoms.

Get vaccinated!

Supervisors are not permitted to inquire of an employee's or student's vaccination status.

New/returning personnel and visitors need to complete UD COVID online training.

Travel for research, scholarship and creative/performing arts requires submission of online form and approval prior to departure. Consistent with CDC guidance, all travelers need to affirm they are fully vaccinated prior to travel.

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Research, Scholarship & Creative Activities

Travel Guidelines

Travel may resume provided UD travelers are fully vaccinated, and their travel has been approved via this [online application process](#) prior to departure.

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.

International travel will be approved to level 1 and 2 countries only.

Questions

Submit your questions via the Zoom Q&A



**Last Town Hall This
Academic Year**

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