COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

Virtual Town Hall

Monday, May 3, 2021

2–3 pm

(The Meeting is Being Recorded for Posting Online)
Agenda

1. Campus Events
2. State of Delaware Updates
3. UD COVID & Research Updates
4. Questions – Zoom Q&A
Mental Health Month Kick-Off

Building resilience through leveraging purpose, emotional wellbeing and community

May 6th
noon-1 pm

Vic Strecher, Ph.D.
University of Michigan

Registration
Graduate College Town Hall

Graduate Student Town Hall
Thursday, May 20, 11 a.m.-noon (EDT)

Register Here
General Faculty Meeting

Monday, May 3rd
3 pm
TODAY
DENIN Director Search

Thursday, May 6 – 11:45 am
Saleem Ali, Blue and Gold Distinguished Professor of Energy and the Environment

Friday, May 7 – 9 am
Kent Messer, S. Hallock du Pont Professor of Applied Economics

Wednesday, May 12 – 9 am
Holly Michael, Unidel Fraser Russell Career Development Chair in Environment

Registration
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.
Weekly COVID-19 Update:
Average New Daily Cases on the Decline; Hospitalizations, Deaths Level
State of Delaware Statistics

Data reported 5/2/21

Tests

Hospitalized

Deaths

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<th>Metric</th>
<th>AVG. ON MAY 1</th>
<th>14-DAY CHANGE</th>
<th>TOTAL REPORTED</th>
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<td>Cases</td>
<td>242</td>
<td>-34%</td>
<td>104,621</td>
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<td>Tests</td>
<td>6,747</td>
<td>+34%</td>
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<td>Hospitalized</td>
<td>194</td>
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<td>Deaths</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>-56%</td>
<td>1,626</td>
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COVID-19: Delaware
New Cases

Percent Positive = 4.8%

Data reported 5/2/21
COVID-19: Delaware
Hospitalizations

Data reported 5/2/21

Current Hospitalizations (Statewide)  •  Trend Line

State of Delaware Dashboard
## COVID-19: Delaware Variants

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<th>Variants of Concern</th>
<th>Variants of Interest</th>
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<td><strong>Variant</strong></td>
<td><strong>Origin</strong></td>
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<td>B.1.1.7</td>
<td>United Kingdom</td>
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<td>B.1.351</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
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<td>B.1.429</td>
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In aggregate, the cases include 440 adults ranging in age from 18-98, as well as 71 individuals under the age of 18. A total of 382 individuals were from New Castle County, 84 were from Kent County and 45 were from Sussex County.

The Delaware Public Health Laboratory has sequenced 1,821 specimens for COVID-19 variant strains to date, including 183 within the past week.
Last week Dining Halls re-opened for eat-in
COVID Surveillance Testing

The New Castle County drive-through testing on the STAR Campus previously held on Saturdays will be offered on Sundays beginning in May. Walk-ups are also accepted. Registration is encouraged.

The COVID testing event, originally announced for Tuesday, May 4, at the Hollingsworth Lot, has been canceled. Check for the latest information in the Spring Updates email this Wednesday.
Delaware Vaccination Data

Vaccines Delivered to DE
932,605

Total Doses Administered
759,686 (81.5%)
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<th>At Least One Dose</th>
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<td>All ages</td>
<td>411,460</td>
<td>302,042</td>
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<td>Percentage of people of all ages</td>
<td>43.0%</td>
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<td>16+ age group</td>
<td>411,337</td>
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<td>Percentage of 16+ age group</td>
<td>53.0%</td>
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<td>65+ age group</td>
<td>151,776</td>
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<td>Percentage of 65+ age group</td>
<td>87.1%</td>
<td>75.9%</td>
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Vaccinations

All members of the UD community—students and employees—are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Vaccines are now widely available for all Delawareans 16 and older. Goal: immunize as many people as possible.

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

**Thursday, May 6, 9 am – 5 pm**
Clayton Hall - University of Delaware
Moderna

[Registration]
After Vaccination Guidelines—What Changes

You are considered **fully vaccinated two weeks** after the second shot of 2-dose vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna) or the 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.

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<td>BEGINNING PHASE</td>
<td>TIMELINE JUNE</td>
<td>TIMELINE JUNE-JULY</td>
<td>ACTIVE AUGUST</td>
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<td>• Essential Maintenance of Effort</td>
<td>• Time-Sensitive Research</td>
<td>• Lab-Based Research Gradual Ramp-Up</td>
<td>• Further Research Gradual Ramp-Up</td>
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<td>• COVID-19 PPE Production</td>
<td>• Some Field-Based Research</td>
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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 17th
2–3 pm

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