WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE – Feb. 5, 2021: New Positive Cases, Current Hospitalizations Continue Downward Trend

DOVER (Feb. 5, 2021) – The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is providing an update on the most recent statistics related to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Delaware, as of 6 p.m. Thursday, February 5, 2021.

A total of 79,546 positive cases of COVID-19 among Delaware residents have been reported to DPH since March 11, 2020. The seven-day average of new positive cases decreased to 379 as of Thursday, Feb. 4.

The seven-day average for the percentage of persons who tested positive for COVID-19 as of Thursday, Feb. 4, was 20.8%, a decrease from 22.1% as of Thursday, Jan. 28. DPH publishes both positivity rates – persons tested and total tests conducted – on its COVID-19 data portal. As of Tuesday, Feb. 2, the seven-day average for the percentage of total tests that were positive was 6.9%, a decrease from 7.4% as of Tuesday, Jan. 26. There is a two-day lag for presenting data related to percent of tests that are positive to account for the time delay between the date of the test and the date that DPH receives the test result.

In addition, 290 individuals are currently hospitalized due to COVID-19 in Delaware, which is a decrease of 30 as of this time last week. Forty of the hospitalized persons are critically ill, down 6 from last week.

A total of 1,191 Delawareans have passed away due to complications from COVID-19. The state reported 113 additional deaths since last week's update, including 17 as a result of a review of vital statistics records. The total number of individuals who have died from COVID-19 ranges in age from younger than 5 to 104 years old. Of those who have died, 601 were female and 590 were male. A total of 566 individuals were from New Castle County, 249 were from Kent County, and 376 were from Sussex County.

Please note: DPH reported 56 additional deaths on Friday, Feb. 5. A majority of the deaths reported this day were a result of a recent data quality review performed by DPH epidemiology staff. As part of that review, DPH identified an additional 54 deaths that occurred in December and January that had not yet been included in the state's COVID-19 death statistics. While the deaths were reported to DPH, the reports were not received by the appropriate personnel who process COVID-19 deaths for statistical reporting. As with all other deaths reported, these deaths will be reflected by the date the deaths occurred in the trend chart on the My Healthy Community data portal.

COVID-19 Vaccinations:

As of 12 a.m. Feb. 5, a total of 117,662 administered doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been reported to the state's immunization information system, DelVAX. Delaware's latest COVID-19 vaccination statistics can be found under the Vaccine Tracker dashboard at de.gov/healthycommunity. Additional information about COVID-19 vaccine rollout, which includes a list of pharmacies and medical providers accepting public requests for vaccination, is available at de.gov/covidvaccine. Questions can be directed to the Vaccine Call Center at 1-833-643-1715. People who are deaf or hard of hearing should call 2-1-1 or text their ZIP code to 898-211. Individuals can email their questions concerning the vaccine to Vaccine@Delaware.gov.

Scam Alert:

DPH is making the public aware that of a potential phone scam regarding distribution of COVID-19 vaccine in Delaware. Individuals have reported receiving calls claiming to be from the State of Delaware offering a COVID-19 vaccine for a cost of $75. As a reminder, the vaccine is free and there are no out-of-pocket costs associated with receiving the vaccine. The public should be advised that anyone calling to offer COVID-19 vaccination for money is not legitimate. If you receive such a call, please report it to the Delaware Department of Justice's Fraud and Consumer Protection Unit at 302-577-8600.

Stay Safe on Super Bowl Sunday:

Unfortunately, this is not the year to host or attend a Super Bowl Party or other large gatherings due to ongoing risks of COVID-19 transmission. As a reminder, social distancing and gathering limits are still in effect in Delaware. Instead, DPH and the CDC recommend hosting a virtual watch party with friends and family.

The CDC offers the following tips for hosting a virtual Super Bowl watch party:

- Wear clothing or decorate your home with your favorite team's logo or colors.
- Make appetizers or snacks with the people you live with to enjoy while watching the game and share the recipes with your friends and family virtually.
- Start a text group with other fans to chat about the game or commercials while watching.

Update on COVID-19 Outbreaks in Long-term Care Facilities:

The Division of Public Health continues to investigate COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care facilities throughout the state. The following facilities have experienced significant outbreaks since late September. Resident and staff tallies represent cumulative case totals between Sept. 25, 2020, and Feb. 4, 2021, and does not represent the number of active cases at each facility at this particular point in time:

- Atlantic Shores Rehabilitation & Health Center in Millsboro; 36 residents and 32 staff
- Brackenville Center in Hockessin; 22 residents and 15 staff
- Cadia Healthcare Broadmeadow in Middletown; 20 residents and 30 staff
- Cadia Healthcare Renaissance in Millsboro; 48 residents and 31 staff
- Cadia Healthcare Silverside in Wilmington; 68 residents and 53 staff members
- Cadia Healthcare Capitol in Dover; 60 residents and 38 staff
- Cadia Healthcare Pike Creek in Wilmington; 20 residents and 36 staff
- Churchman Village in Newark; 80 residents and 52 staffDelmar Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Delmar; 45 residents and 42 staff
- Dover Place in Dover; 39 residents and 26 staff
- Foulk Manor South in Wilmington; 30 residents and 31 staff
- Harbor Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Lewes; 69 residents and 34 staff
- Hillside Center in Wilmington; 27 residents and 24 staff
- Kutz Senior Living in Wilmington; 36 residents and 24 staff
- Lofland Park in Seaford; 20 residents and 20 staff
- ManorCare Health Services in Wilmington; 40 residents and 30 staff
- Oak Bridge Terrace at Cokesbury Village in Hockessin; 16 residents and 14 staff
- Pinnacle Rehabilitation and Health Center in Smyrna; 31 residents and 21 staff
- Regal Heights Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Hockessin; 91 residents and 58 staff
- Regency Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Wilmington; 74 residents and 50 staff

- Seaford Center Nursing Home in Seaford; 36 residents and 30 staff
- Shipley Manor in Wilmington; 39 residents and 28 staff
- Silver Lake Center, Genesis Healthcare in Dover; 12 residents and 12 staff
- Somerford Place in Newark; 31 residents and 14 staff
- The Moorings at Lewes in Lewes; 17 residents and 41 staff
- Westminster Village in Dover; 47 residents and 34 staff
- WillowBrooke Court Skilled Center at Manor House in Seaford; 46 residents and 37 staff
- WillowBrooke Court at Cokesbury Village in Hockessin; 13 residents and 18 staff

**Staff members may include health care and non-health care personnel, such as facility vendors or other individuals working in the long-term care facility who may not be full-time facility employees. Facilities listed represent those that have had a cumulative total of more than 10 cases among residents and more than 10 cases among staff to date since the beginning of the outbreak monitoring period, Sept. 25, 2020. As facility outbreak investigations close, they will be removed from this list.*

Long-term Care Statistics:

As of 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, there have been a total of 2,165 positive COVID-19 cases cumulatively involving long-term care residents, and 609 residents of Delaware long-term care facilities have died from complications related to COVID-19.

The locations and number of deaths involving residents of long-term care facilities are:

- Atlantic Shores Rehabilitation and Health Center, Millsboro (21)
- Brackenville Center, Genesis Healthcare, Hockessin (18)
- Brandywine Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Wilmington (35)
- Brandywine Living at Seaside Pointe, Rehoboth Beach (5)
- Brookdale Dover, Dover (12)
- Cadia Healthcare Broadmeadow, Middletown (15)
- Cadia Healthcare Capitol, Dover (19)
- Cadia Healthcare Renaissance, Millsboro (11)
- Cadia Healthcare North Wilmington/Silverside, Wilmington (28)
- Churchman Village, Newark (16)
- Country Rest Home, Greenwood (15)
- Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill, Smyrna (14)
- Delmar Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Delmar (2)
- Dover Place, Dover (6)
- Foulk Manor South, Wilmington (8)
- Forwood Manor, Wilmington (4)
- Governor Bacon Health Center, Delaware City (1)
- HarborChase of Wilmington, Wilmington (4)
- Harbor Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Lewes (36)
- Harrison House Senior Living, Georgetown (44)
- Hillside Center, Wilmington (6)
- Ingleside Assisted Living, Wilmington (2)
- Kentmere Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Wilmington (9)

- Kutz Senior Living, Wilmington (3)
- Little Sisters of the Poor, Newark (11)
- Lofland Park Center, Genesis Healthcare, Seaford (6)
- ManorCare Health Services, Wilmington (16)
- ManorCare Health Services, Pike Creek (25)
- Methodist Country House, Wilmington (4)
- Millcroft, Newark (2)
- Milford Center, Genesis Healthcare, Milford (42)
- New Castle Health and Rehabilitation Center, New Castle (12)
- Newark Manor Nursing Home, Newark (11)
- Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation, Wilmington (26)
- Pinnacle Rehabilitation and Health Center, Smyrna (29)
- Regal Heights Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Hockessin (12)
- Regency Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Wilmington (8)
- Seaford Center, Genesis Healthcare, Seaford (3)
- Shipley Manor, Wilmington (8)
- Silver Lake Center, Genesis Healthcare, Dover (2)
- Somerford House and Place, Newark (3)
- Summit Assisted Living, Hockessin (3)
- Sunrise Assisted Living, Wilmington (2)
- The Center at Eden Hill, Dover (6)
- The Moorings at Lewes, Lewes (4)
- Westminster Village, Dover (21)
- WillowBrooke Court Skilled Center at Manor House, Seaford (11)
- WillowBrooke Court at Cokesbury Village, Hockessin (3)
- Four other New Castle County long-term care facilities (1 death at each facility)
- One other Kent County long-term care facility (1 death at this facility)

If you are sick with any of the following symptoms, stay home: fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, chills, shaking with chills, loss of smell or taste, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or headache or congestion or runny nose without a known cause such as allergies. Other symptoms such as abdominal pain or lack of appetite have been identified as potential symptoms related to COVID-19 and may prompt further screening, action or investigation by a primary care provider. If you are sick and need essential supplies, ask someone else to go to the grocery store or the pharmacy to get what you need.

DPH reminds Delawareans that if you believe you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or have symptoms of illness, make sure to distance yourself from others, particularly vulnerable populations. Older adults and people of any age with serious underlying medical conditions – including serious heart conditions, chronic lung conditions, including moderate to severe asthma, severe obesity and those who are immunocompromised, including through cancer treatment – may have a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Information about testing events, including community testing sites, permanent fixed testing sites, and free-standing sites operated by the health care systems and hospitals, will be listed on the testing section of the Delaware coronavirus website at de.gov/gettested.

Delawareans over the age of 18 are encouraged to download COVID Alert DE, Delaware's free exposure notification app to help protect your neighbors while ensuring your privacy. Download on the App Store or Google Play.

Individuals with general questions about COVID-19 should call Delaware 2-1-1, individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can text their ZIP code to 898-211, or email delaware211@uwde.org. Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Medically related questions regarding testing, symptoms, and health-related guidance can be submitted by email at DPHCall@delaware.gov.

Individuals who have complaints about individuals violating public gathering restrictions should contact state or local law enforcement. Concerns that a business may be violating operating restrictions should be directed to: HSPContact@delaware.gov. Questions related to business re-openings or operations as businesses re-open should go to COVID19FAQ@delaware.gov. Questions regarding unemployment claims should be emailed to: UIClaims@delaware.gov.

DPH will continue to update the public as more information becomes available. For the latest on Delaware's response, go to de.gov/coronavirus.