Weekly COVID-19 Update – Jan. 22, 2021: New Positive Cases, Hospitalizations Remain Elevated But Trends Leveling Out

DOVER (Jan. 22, 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, January 21, 2021.

A total of 73,233 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 652 as of Thursday, Jan. 21.

The seven-day average for the percentage of persons who tested positive for COVID-19 as of Thursday, Jan. 21, was 23.8%, a slight increase from 23.5% as of Thursday, Jan. 14. DPH publishes both positivity rates – persons tested and total tests conducted – on its COVID-19 data portal. As of Tuesday, Jan. 19, the seven-day average for the percentage of total tests that were positive was 9.1%, an increase from 8.6% as of Tuesday, Jan. 12. 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, 420 individuals are currently hospitalized due to COVID-19 in Delaware, which is a decrease of 31 reported as of this time last week. Fifty-nine of the hospitalized persons are critically ill, up three from last week.

A total of 1,027 Delawareans have passed away due to complications from COVID-19. The state reported 25 additional deaths since last week's update. 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, 521 were female and 506 were male. A total of 519 individuals were from New Castle County, 187 were from Kent County, and 321 were from Sussex County.

COVID-19 Vaccinations:
The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) on Wednesday successfully launched a system for individuals to request an appointment at vaccination events, as the state entered the Phase 1B stage of the vaccination plan. DPH began contacting seniors Thursday offering appointments for this weekend's large vaccination events in Delaware City and Georgetown. Additional invitations were extended on Friday after the available appointments were not filled from the initial round.

The vaccination event held today in Delaware City began delivering vaccinations to those who had requested appointments through the new system. Events Saturday and Sunday in Delaware City and Georgetown are by appointment only for Delawareans ages 65 and older who made an appointment, and for Phase 1A health care personnel with appropriate documentation. The events are planned to offer vaccinations to a total of 13,500 individuals over the three days.

A total of 85,000 had requested vaccinations through the new system as of 4 p.m. Friday. Those individuals still on the request waiting list are reminded that they must wait to receive an appointment invitation for a vaccination event listed in the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS). A place on the waiting list does not a secure a spot for a vaccination anywhere else such as pharmacies or medical providers that may be offering them. Even after individuals have submitted their initial request in the state's online system, if they do get an opportunity to receive a vaccine from their medical provider, employer, or pharmacy, they are advised to take advantage of it.

As of midnight Jan. 21, 54,760 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.

Walgreens Testing Sites:
As part of its partnership with the State of Delaware to offer COVID-19 testing to Delawareans, Walgreens surpassed 100,000 COVID-19 tests conducted statewide as of Thursday, Jan. 21, 2020. The full list of testing locations, including Walgreens sites, with hours, and registration options are available on Delaware's COVID-19 website at de.gov/gettested.

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 Jan. 21, 2020, and may not represent the number of active cases at each facility at this particular point in time:

Note: These data have ben updated to include additional information that was not immediately available at the time of the original release.

• Atlantic Shores Rehabilitation & Health Center in Millsboro; 30 residents and 26 staff
• Brookdale in Dover; 58 residents and 37 staff
• Cadia Healthcare Broadmeadow in Middletown; 20 residents and 29 staff
• Cadia Healthcare Renaissance in Millsboro; 40 residents and 24 staff
• Cadia Healthcare Silverside in Wilmington; 67 residents and 50 staff members
• Cadia Healthcare Capitol in Dover; 60 residents and 38 staff
• Cadia Healthcare Pike Creek in Wilmington; 15 residents and 35 staff
• Churchman Village in Newark; 75 residents and 50 staff
• Delmar Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Delmar; 45 residents and 41 staff
• Dover Place in Dover; 39 residents and 23 staff
• Foulk Manor South in Wilmington; 30 residents and 31 staff
• Harbor Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Lewes; 69 residents and 31 staff
• Harrison House in Georgetown; 35 residents and 19 staff
• Hillside Center in Wilmington; 26 residents and 23 staff
• Kutz Senior Living in Wilmington; 35 residents and 22 staff
• Lofland Park in Seaford; 20 residents and 20 staff
• ManorCare Health Services in Wilmington; 19 residents and 27 staff
• Milford Center, Genesis Healthcare in Milford; 49 residents and 16 staff
• Oak Bridge Terrace at Cokesbury Village in Hockessin; 16 residents and 14 staff
• Pinnacle Rehabilitation and Health Center in Smyrna; 22 residents and 18 staff
• Regal Heights Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Hockessin; 90 residents and 58 staff
• Regency Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Wilmington; 74 residents and 49 staff
• Seaford Center Nursing Home in Seaford; 27 residents and 25 staff
• Shipley Manor in Wilmington; 34 residents and 19 staff
• Somerford Place in Newark; 29 residents and 13 staff
• The Moorings at Lewes in Lewes; 17 residents and 41 staff
• Westminster Village in Dover; 47 residents and 33 staff
• WillowBrooke Court Skilled Center at Manor House in Seaford; 45 residents and 37 staff

• WillowBrooke Court at Cokesbury Village in Hockessin; 13 residents and 17 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, Jan. 21, there have been a total of 2,058 positive COVID-19 cases cumulatively involving long-term care residents, and 541 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 (18)
Brackenville Center, Genesis Healthcare, Hockessin (18)
Brandywine Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Wilmington (34)
Brandywine Living at Seaside Pointe, Rehoboth Beach (5)
Brookdale Dover, Dover (9)
Cadia Healthcare Broadmeadow, Middletown (13)
Cadia Healthcare Capitol, Dover (19)
Cadia Healthcare Renaissance, Millsboro (11)
Cadia Healthcare North Wilmington/Silverside, Wilmington (28)
Churchman Village, Newark (11)
Country Rest Home, Greenwood (11)
Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill, Smyrna (13)
Delmar Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Delmar (2)
Dover Place, Dover (4)
Foulk Manor South, Wilmington (7)
Forwood Manor, Wilmington (3)
Governor Bacon Health Center, Delaware City (1)
HarborChase of Wilmington, Wilmington (4)
Harbor Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Lewes (25)
Harrison House Senior Living, Georgetown (43)
Hillside Center, Wilmington (5)
Ingleside Assisted Living, Wilmington (2)
Kentmere Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Wilmington (8)
Kutz Senior Living, Wilmington (3)
Little Sisters of the Poor, Newark (11)
Lofland Park Center, Genesis Healthcare, Seaford (6)
ManorCare Health Services, Wilmington (14)
ManorCare Health Services, Pike Creek (25)
Methodist Country House, Wilmington (4)
Millcroft, Newark (2)
Milford Center, Genesis Healthcare, Milford (40)
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 (24)
Regal Heights Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Hockessin (12)
Regency Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Wilmington (8)
Somerford House and Place, Newark (3)
Summit Assisted Living, Hockessin (3)
Sunrise Assisted Living, Wilmington (2)
The Center at Eden Hill, Dover (2)
The Moorings at Lewes, Lewes (4)
Westminster Village, Dover (20)
WillowBrooke Court Skilled Center at Manor House, Seaford (7)
WillowBrooke Court at Cokesbury Village, Hockessin (2)
Four other New Castle County long-term care facilities (1 death at each facility)
Two 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.