

Weekly COVID-19 Update – June 25, 2021: Delaware Nears President Biden’s Vaccination Goal

DOVER (June 25, 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, June 24, 2021.

A total of 109,636 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 20.6 as of Thursday, June 24.

As of Tuesday, June 22, the seven-day average for the percentage of total tests that were positive was 1.1%, a minor increase from 1% as of Tuesday, June 15. 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, 23 individuals are currently hospitalized due to COVID-19 in Delaware, a decrease of three from last week. Six of the hospitalized persons are critically ill, up two from last week.

A total of 1,693 Delawareans have passed away due to complications from COVID-19. Thirteen deaths were reported in the last week. Twelve were from a review of vital statistics, and one was a newly reported death. The total number of individuals who have died from COVID-19 range in age from younger than 5 to 104 years old. Of those who have died, 847 were female and 846 were male. A total of 845 individuals were from New Castle County, 349 were from Kent County, and 499

were from Sussex County.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 69.3% of Delawareans ages 18+ have received at least one dose of the vaccine. This puts Delaware closer to meeting President Biden's initial goal of 70% by July 4. As of 12:01 a.m. June 25, a total of 990,742 administered doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been reported to the state's immunization information system, DelVAX. Among Delawareans 12+, 501,422 have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, and 432,948 Delawareans are fully vaccinated. Delaware's latest COVID-19 vaccination statistics can be found under the Vaccine Tracker dashboard at de.gov/healthycommunity.

Vaccines are the best protection we have against COVID-19. For the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccine and the vaccination rollout in Delaware, visit de.gov/covidvaccine.

DE Wins! Update

More prize winners have claimed their prizes since last week. Not all prize winners have agreed to have their names publicly shared, but DPH is pleased to share the following who did:

- Sophie Douglas, Bear – Blue Rocks Prize Package

In addition, two more \$5,000 dollar prize winners, and the winner of the New Castle County vacation package have claimed their prizes.

Next week is the final week of the DE Wins! vaccine incentive program weekly drawings. Twelve total winners will be drawn. Prizes offered include tickets to the Grand, State Fair VIP tickets, Wawa catering, tuition to Delaware State University, a scholarship to Wilmington University for both graduate and undergraduates, more state park passes, and

\$5,000 to four winners. To be entered for a chance to win, get vaccinated as soon as possible before June 29. Visit de.gov/getmyvaccine for a location near you.

The grand prize drawings will take place on June 30. Any Delawarean vaccinated at any time in Delaware is eligible. The prizes include \$302,000 and two low-digit license plates. For information on the vaccine incentive program visit DEWins.org.

DPH COVID Vaccine Mobile Units

DPH in partnership with the Delaware National Guard (DNG) has launched mobile units to offer COVID-19 vaccines in underserved communities. Medically trained DNG staff are offering the Pfizer vaccine (for ages 12+) and the J&J vaccine (for persons 18+). These mobile units are visiting communities with low vaccination rates in an effort to eliminate potential barriers to access. The mobile units, which utilize trailers to transport the vaccine and provide vaccinations, are scheduled to visit communities in New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties next week.

Monday, June 28

Newark Farmers Market, Newark, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Murray Manor, Wilmington, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 29

Manchester Square, Dover, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Diamond Court I & II, Harrington, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 30

Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Aquatic Center, Wilmington, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Adams Street Basketball Courts, Wilmington, 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday July 1

Blades Elementary School, Seaford, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Woodbridge Elementary School, Greenwood, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

*dates may be rescheduled if there is inclement weather

For a full list of community-based events statewide including those organized by vaccinating partners and community groups at de.gov/getmyvaccine.

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Update on COVID-19 Variant Cases in Delaware

As of Friday, June 25, the Division of Public Health has identified the following COVID-19 variants in Delaware through routine surveillance of test specimens. These variants are based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) list of Variants of Concern and Variants of Interest.

Variants of Concern			Variants of Interest		
Variant	Origin	# of Cases	Variant	Origin	# of Cases
Alpha/B.1.1.7	United Kingdom	933	Eta/B.1.525	UK/Nigeria (formerly NEW York, US)	2
Beta/B.1.351	South Africa	1	Iota/B.1.526	New York, US	277
Epsilon/B.1.427	California, US	10	B.1.526.1	New York, US	36
Epsilon/B.1.429	California, US	11			
Gamma/P.1	Brazil	50			
Delta/B.1.617.2	India	13			

In aggregate, the cases include 1,094 adults ranging in age from 18-98, as well as 239 individuals under the age of 18. A total of 1002 individuals were from New Castle County, 176 were from Kent County and 155 were from Sussex County.

The Delaware Public Health Laboratory has sequenced 3,189 specimens for COVID-19 variant strains to date, including 62 within the past week.

Virus mutation is common. Public health approach and treatments are currently not any different, but as these variants may be more contagious, it is even more important that individuals who are not fully vaccinated remain vigilant and continue taking the necessary steps to avoid spreading the virus – wear a mask, wash your hands, avoid gatherings.

The science is clear that the vaccines are extremely safe and effective – and Delawareans who are fully vaccinated have significant protection from COVID-19 infection and serious illness. We would encourage all Delawareans to get vaccinated – de.gov/getmyvaccine.

For more information regarding CDC variant classifications, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/varian>

[t-surveillance/variant-info.html](https://www.delaware.gov/health-t-surveillance/variant-info.html).

Breakthrough Cases

Vaccination significantly reduces the chance to developing COVID-19 or becoming seriously ill from it. To date, 432,983 Delawareans have been fully vaccinated. Of those, there have been 397 breakthrough cases of COVID-19, less than one-tenth of 1 percent.

A breakthrough case is defined as testing positive for COVID-19 after an individual has been fully vaccinated for two weeks or more – although it does not mean that the infection actually occurred after vaccination. Nineteen of the reported breakthrough cases involved hospitalizations, five individuals passed away, although it does not mean COVID was the cause of death. Breakthrough cases are extremely rare, and the science is clear, the best way to prevent serious illness from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated.

In-Person Contagious School Cases Dashboard

The In-Person Contagious School Cases Dashboard on the My Healthy Community website is no longer being updated due to summer vacation. As of June 30, that section will be removed.

Long-term Care Statistics

As of 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 24, there have been a total of 2,744 positive COVID-19 cases involving long-term care residents, and 759 residents of Delaware long-term care facilities have died from complications related to COVID-19.

Symptoms and Testing

It's especially important for unvaccinated persons, to be aware of, and self-monitor for, the symptoms of COVID-19. Even fully vaccinated persons should get tested if they develop symptoms.

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.

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

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.

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:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Medically related questions regarding testing, symptoms, and health-related guidance can be submitted by email at DPHCall@delaware.gov.

Delawareans 18 or older 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](#)

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.