

Weekly COVID-19 Update – Nov. 5, 2021: COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations Continue Downward Trend

DOVER (Nov. 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, Nov. 4, 2021.

- Total positive cases since March 11, 2020: 145,330
- 7-day average of new positive cases: 250.6, a decrease from 265.9 last week
- 7-day average for the percentage of total positive tests: 6.0%, a decrease from 6.2% last week
- Hospitalizations: 154, a decrease of 6 from last week; Critically ill: 24, a decrease of two from last week
- Total COVID-19 deaths: 2,115
- Total COVID-19 deaths since last week: 26 (including 11 from a review of vital statistic reports)

COVID-19 Vaccinations:

- Total number of doses administered in Delaware: 1,292,625
- Percentage of Delawareans 12+ who have received at least one dose (CDC data): 80.6%
- Percentage of Delawareans 18+ who received at least one dose (CDC data): 82.4%
- Percent of Delawareans who are fully vaccinated (CDC Data): 60.1%

Delawareans who are fully vaccinated have significant protection from COVID-19 infection, serious illness and death. All qualifying Delawareans should get vaccinated. For the

latest information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Delaware, visit [\[de.gov/getmyvaccine\]](https://de.gov/getmyvaccine)de.gov/getmyvaccine. Delaware's latest COVID-19 vaccination statistics can be found under the Vaccine Tracker dashboard at de.gov/healthycommunity.

Vaccines Now Available for Children Ages 5-11:

DPH announced earlier this week that Delaware's vaccine providers can begin administering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 pediatric vaccine to children ages 5 to 11. Parents or guardians are encouraged to first contact their child's pediatrician to see if they are administering the vaccine. Vaccines will also be available at Federally Qualified Health Centers (for patients; Westside Family Healthcare is offering vaccinations to non-patients as well), and standing DPH vaccine sites. Additionally, vaccines will be available to patients of pediatric health care providers and a limited number of large chain pharmacies initially until vaccine supply opens up. DPH recommends parents check pharmacy websites for scheduling options and availability before going.

DPH has extended operating hours at its standing vaccine sites from Nov. 8 – Nov. 19, to make vaccinations more convenient and accessible for working families. The following COVID-19 vaccination sites will be open Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.:

- Blue Hen Corporate Center: 655 S. Bay Road, Dover, DE 1990,
- Georgetown Plaza: 19 Georgetown Plaza, Georgetown, DE 19947
- Canby Park: 1920 Maryland Ave., Wilmington, DE 19805
- University Plaza, 256 Chapman Road, Suite 100, Newark, DE 19702

COVID-19 Case Vaccination Status Report:

The following report captures a weekly breakdown of vaccination status for cases, deaths, and hospitalizations for

the time frame for Oct. 25 – Oct. 31. The report highlights the significant percentage of unvaccinated or only partially vaccinated individuals comprising Delaware’s cases and hospitalizations.

Weekly Overview (10/25 -10/31)																			
Unvaccinated Cases																			
Total Unvaccinated / Partially Vaccinated Cases	1337																		
Total Cases	1782																		
Percent of Unvaccinated / Partially Vaccinated Cases	75%																		
Hospitalizations																			
Unvaccinated / Partially Vaccinated Hospitalized Cases	38																		
Total Hospitalized Cases	50																		
Percent of Unvaccinated / Partially Vaccinated Hospitalized Cases	76%																		
Deaths																			
Unvaccinated / Partially Vaccinated COVID-19 Deaths	9																		
Total COVID-19 Deaths	13																		
Percent of Unvaccinated / Partially Vaccinated COVID-19 Deaths	69%																		

Breakthrough Cases (cumulative since vaccinations began):

- Total breakthrough cases: 5,882 or 1.1% of vaccinated individuals
- Total breakthrough hospitalizations: 111
- Total breakthrough deaths: 83

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 occurred after vaccination.

COVID-19 Variant Cases in Delaware:

In the last week, 138 test samples were sequenced through routine surveillance of test specimens. Of those test samples, 85 (61.6%) sequenced at the DPH Lab were positive for a variant strain, as were 51 additional specimens sequenced at an outside lab. Out of the 136 variant positive samples, all

were identified as the Delta strain.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently updated the classifications of known COVID-19 variants. Currently, the Delta variant is the only variant being monitored by the CDC as a “variant of concern” and no other variants are currently classified as “variants of interest.” For more information regarding CDC variant classifications, visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/variant-surveillance/variant-info.html>.

DPH COVID-19 Vaccine Mobile Units:

DPH officials in partnership with medical staff from the Delaware National Guard (DNG) have mobile units that offer COVID-19 vaccines in underserved communities. The flu vaccine will also be available and can be administered at the same time as the COVID-19 vaccine.

The mobile units, which utilize trailers to transport the vaccine and provide vaccinations, are scheduled to visit these communities in New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties next week. COVID-19 testing will be available at each location.

Monday, November 8

Burlington Coat Factory, 515 N. DuPont Hwy., Dover, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Shoppes at Hamlet, 1059 Walker Road, Dover, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Edna Dickey Park, 60 Madison Drive, Newark, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thurman Adams State Service Center, 544 S. Bedford St., Georgetown, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 9

Spence's Bazaar, 550 S. New St., Dover, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wawa, 102 E. DuPont Hwy., Millsboro, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Royal Farms, 26672 John J Williams Hwy., Millsboro, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dollar Tree (Riverside location), 2400 Northeast Blvd., Wilmington, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 10

Wawa, 200 East St., Camden, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Country Farm, 1014 S. Little Creek Road, Dover, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Laurel Town Hall, 201 Mechanic St., Laurel, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Goodwill Center, 300 East Lea Blvd., Wilmington, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Adams Four Shopping Center, 800 West 3rd St., Wilmington, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, November 12

Carroll's Plaza, 1114 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Eagle Meadows Apartments, 4666 Carolina Ave., Dover, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Laurel Junction, 10912 County Seat Hwy., Laurel, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ames Plaza Shopping Center, 800 Norman Eskridge Hwy., Seaford, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry, 2713 Lancaster Ave., Wilmington,

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 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.

Long-term Care Statistics:

As of 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, there have been a total of 2,931 positive COVID-19 cases involving long-term care residents, and 861 residents of Delaware long-term care facilities have died from complications related to COVID-19.

Resources:

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.

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