

DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

**Press Briefing
August 19, 2020**

de.gov/coronavirus

Delaware Cases of COVID-19

16,643 total cases

198,226 negative tests

595 total lives lost

Hospitalizations:

21 new 32 current 7 critical

As of August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19

4.4 percent positive
(7-day average)

68.6 new cases per day
(7-day average)

As of August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19



**NEW
CASTLE**

7,661

positive cases

*since first case confirmed on
March 11, 2020*

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Delaware Cases of COVID-19



2,505
positive cases
since first case confirmed on
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SUSSEX

6,213

positive cases

*since first case confirmed on
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Positive Cases per 10,000 Population by Age Group

Aug 18

0-4

42.7

Aug 18

5-17

65.6

Aug 18

18-34

246.5

Aug 18

35-49

236.4

Aug 18

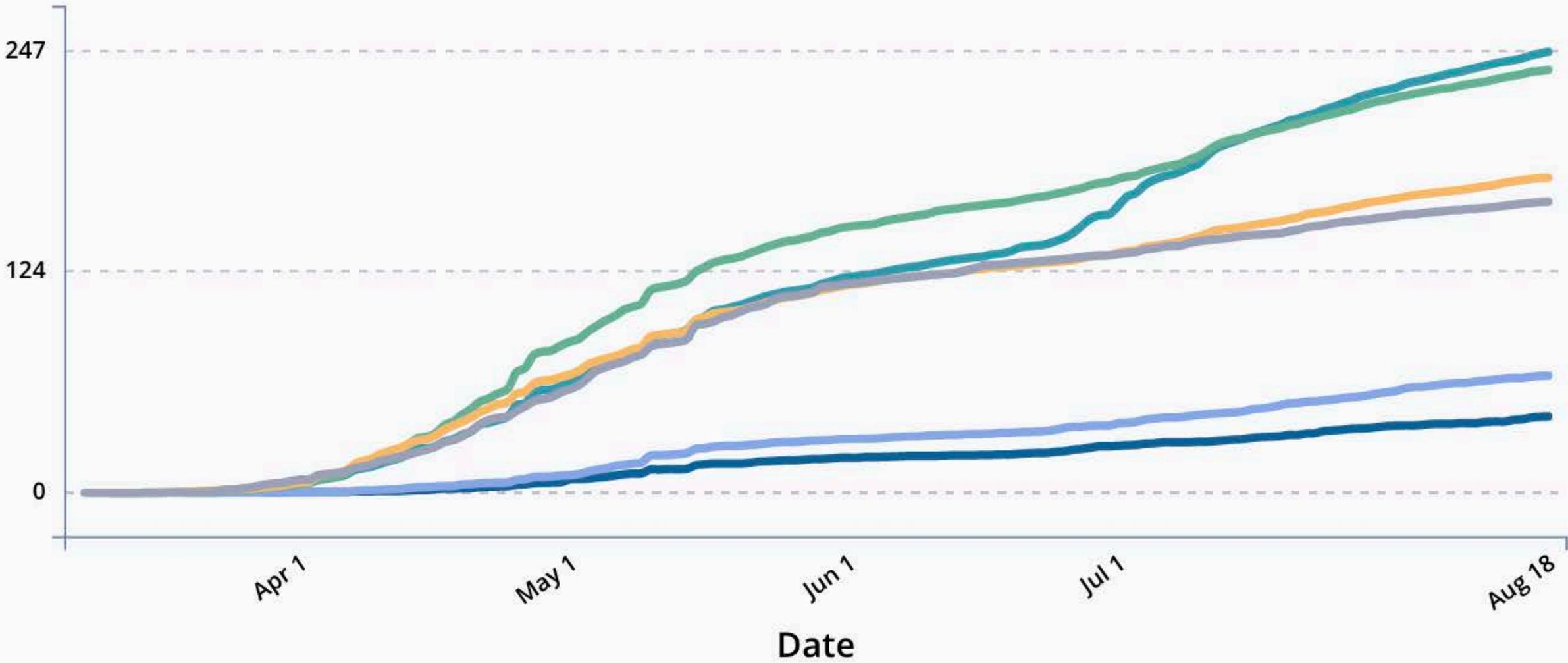
50-64

176.1

Aug 18

65+

162.7



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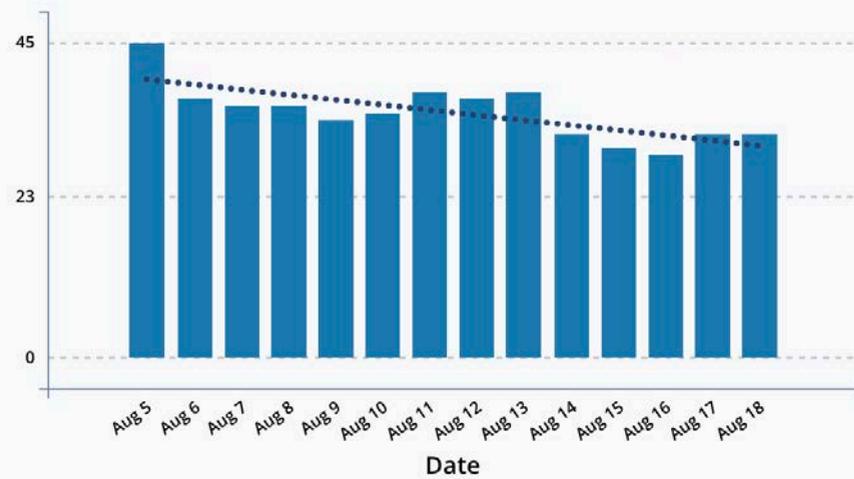
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COVID-19 Data Dashboard

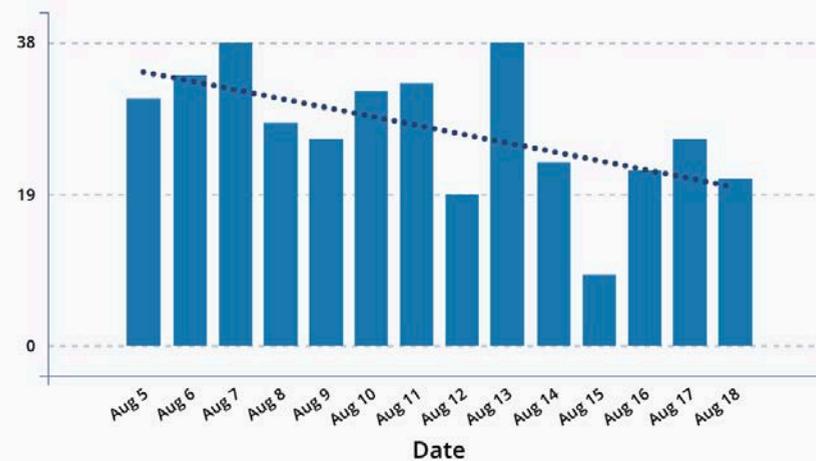
14-day View

Current Hospitalizations Updated: 08/19/2020



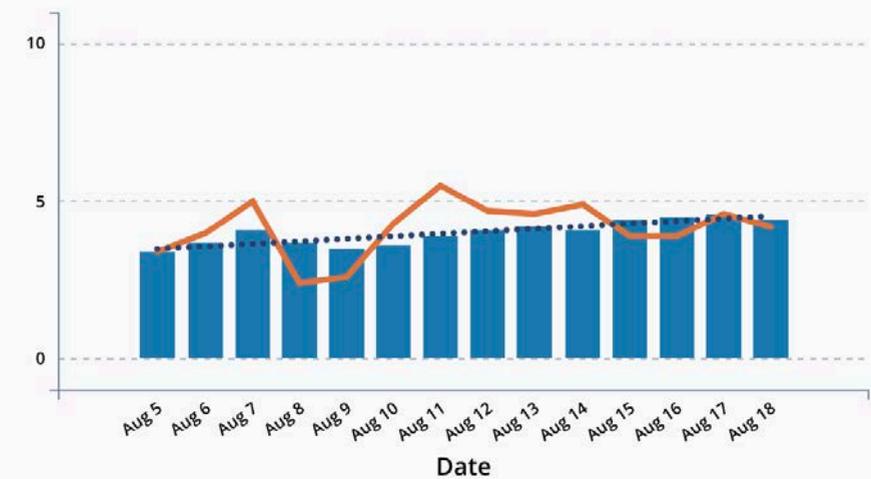
■ Current Hospitalizations (Statewide) ••• Trend Line

New Hospital Admissions (Confirmed and Suspected with COVID-19) Updated: 08/19/2020



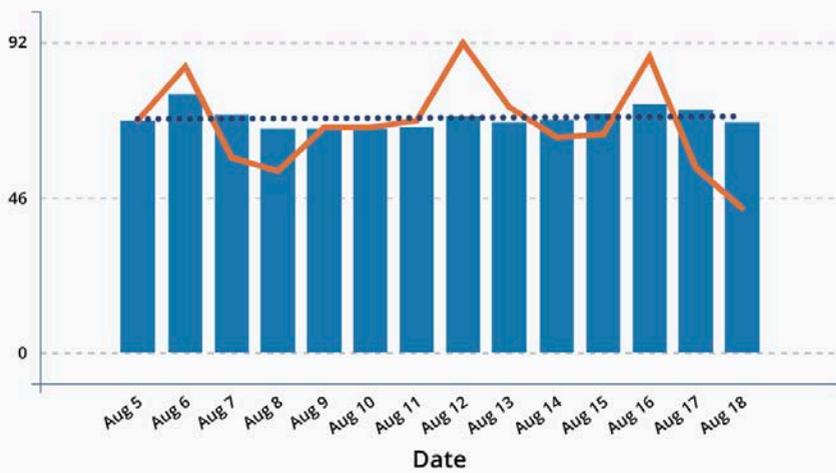
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Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive Updated: 08/19/2020



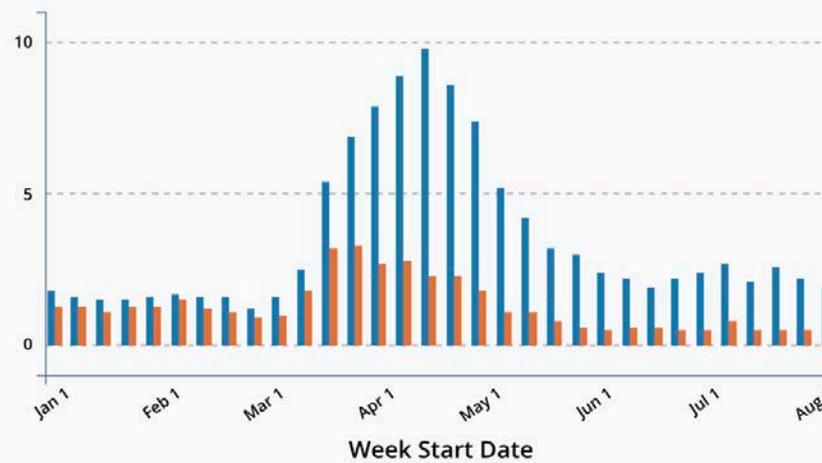
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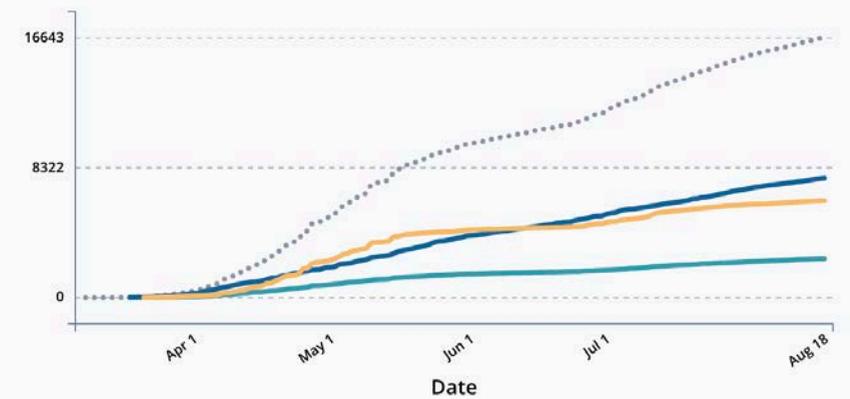
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Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI) by Week Updated: 08/19/2020



■ Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for COVID-19-Like Illness (CLI) by Week
■ Percentage of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) by Week

Cases by County (Cumulative) Updated: 08/19/2020



••• State of Delaware ■ New Castle County ■ Kent County ■ Sussex County

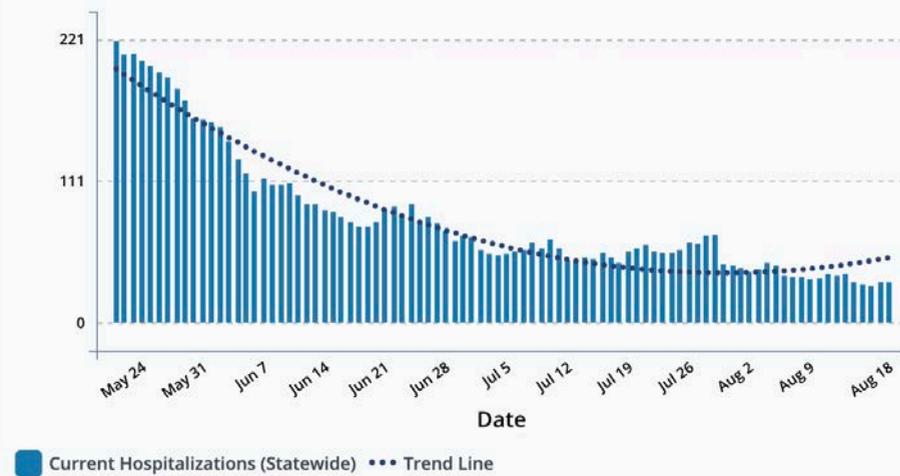
View more data: de.gov/healthycommunity

COVID-19 Data Dashboard

90-day View

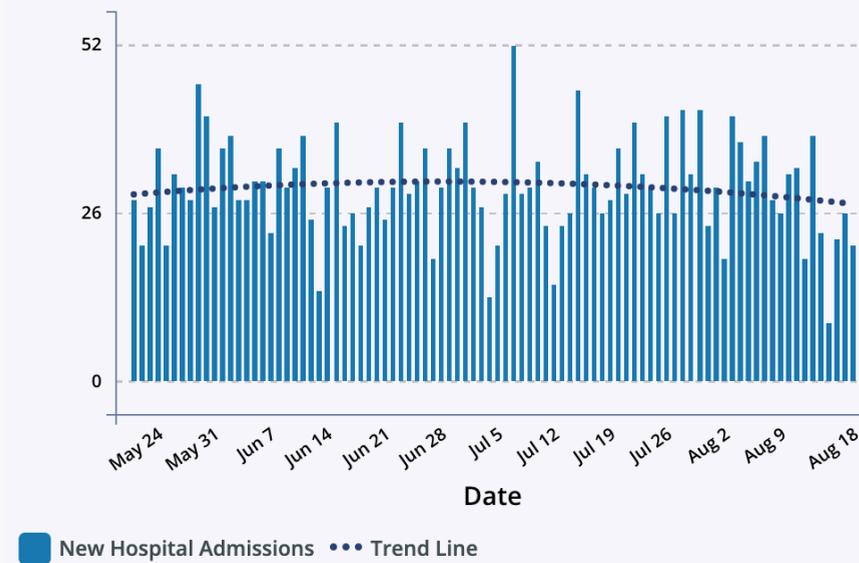
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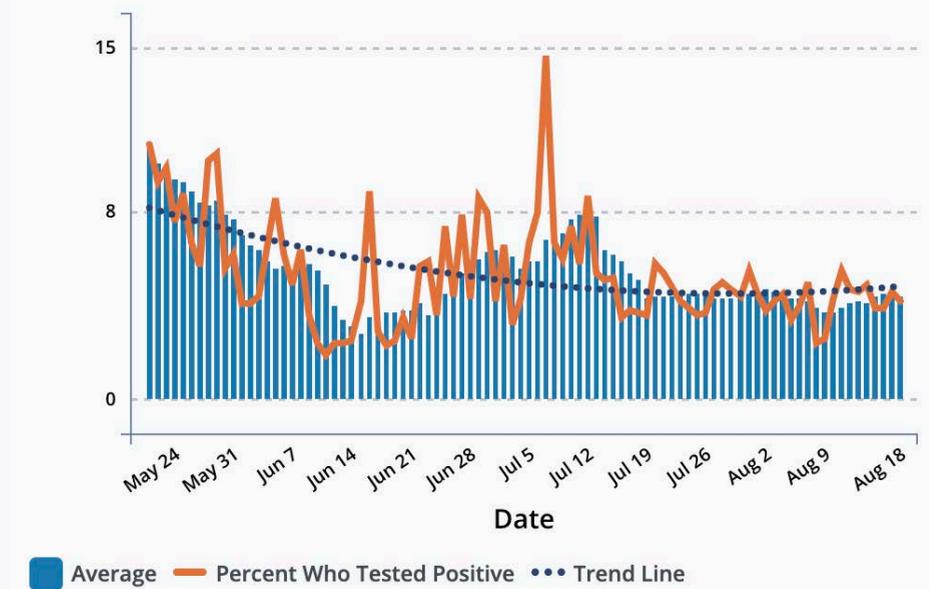
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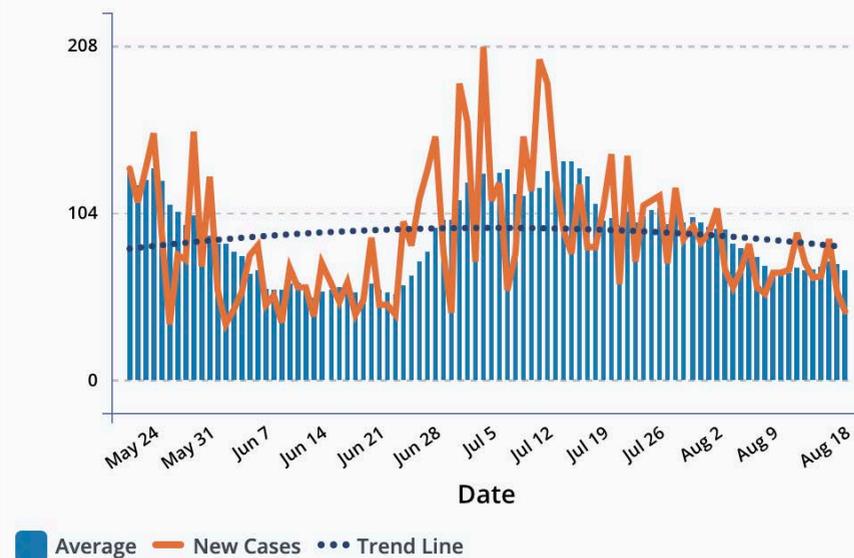
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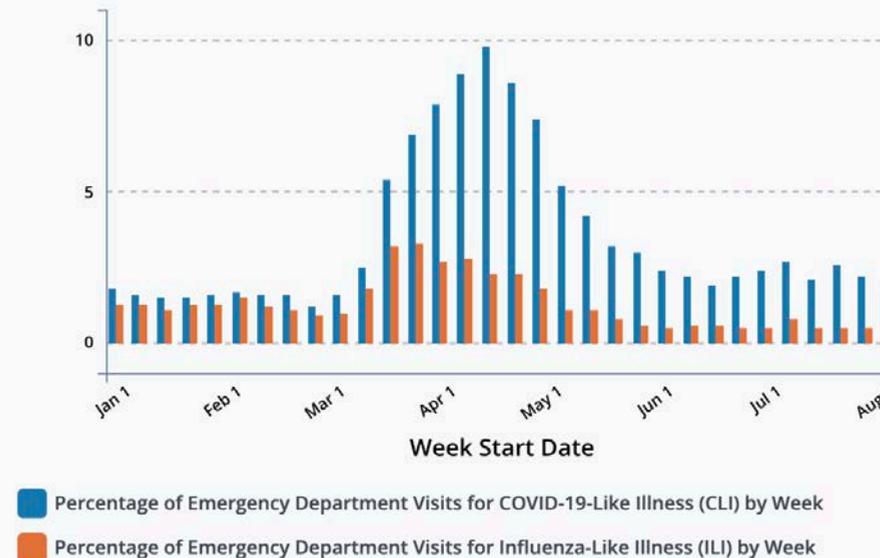
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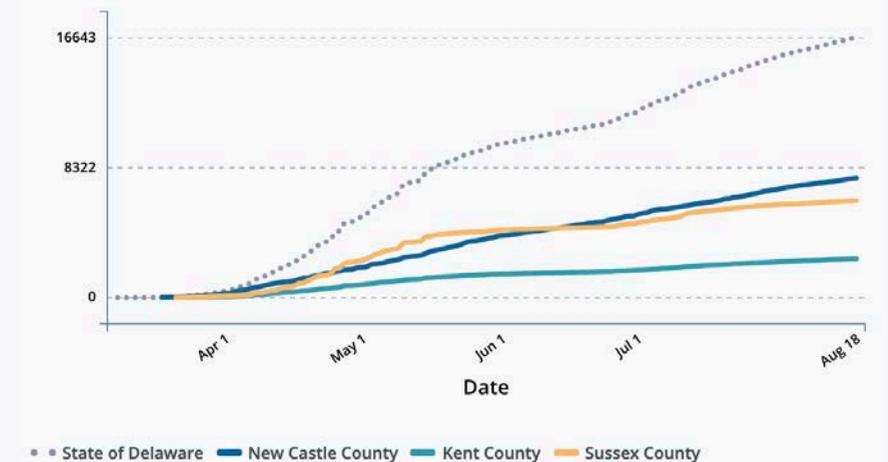


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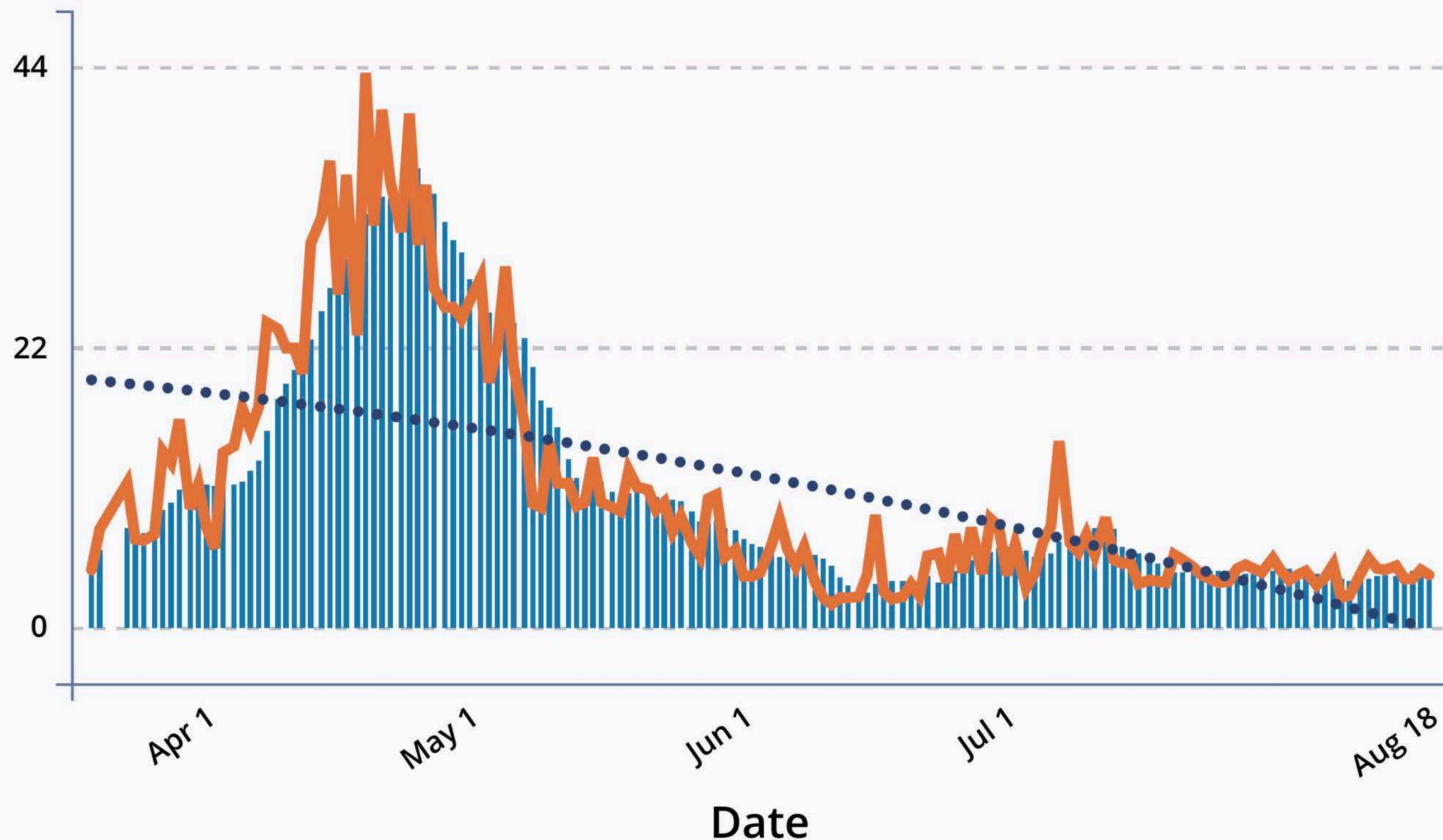


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Infection Rate: All Available Data

Updated: 08/19/2020

Percentage of Persons Who Tested Positive



■ Average — Percent Who Tested Positive ●●● Trend Line

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COVID-19 Data Dashboard

Delaware's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory Status



View more data: de.gov/healthycommunity

SCHOOL REOPENING CRITERIA

(08/08/2020 - 08/14/2020)

CURRENT STATUS

Data is updated every Saturday

2

Weekly status breakdown *per 100,000 people

New Cases*

50.8

% Persons Tested Positive

4.0%

Avg. Daily Hospitalizations*

3.7

Planning scenarios

1

Minimal

Community Spread

Schools are open for in-person instruction

2

Minimal-to-Moderate

Community Spread

Schools may use a hybrid model of remote learning and in-person learning options with precautions in place.

3

Significant

Community Spread

School buildings are closed – remote learning only.

SUPPORTING DELAWARE
SMALL BUSINESSES

DE Relief

Grants:

AT LEAST

\$100 million

**HEALTHY
COMMUNITY**

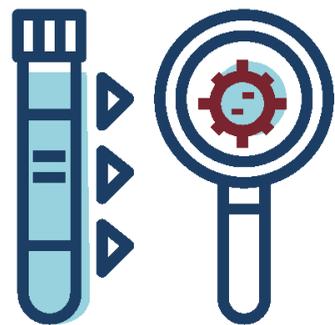


**HEALTHY
ECONOMY**

DE Relief Grants

- Available in **September**
- Provide relief and cover expenses related to COVID-19 for **Delaware's small businesses**

KNOW YOUR COVID-19 STATUS



Please get tested for coronavirus,
whether you have symptoms or not.
You can help stop the spread.

de.gov/gettested

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Director

Delaware Division of Small Business

de.gov/coronavirus

DE Relief Grants

- **Fund of at least \$100 million**
- **Joint effort between State and New Castle County**
- **Funding from CARES Act**
- **Grants up to \$100,000 (amount depends on 2019 revenue)**
- **Goal: reach 3,000+ businesses**

DE Relief Grants

- First round of applications
Early September
- Other rounds
Early October, November
- Program restrictions and specifics
delbiz.com/relief

What to do now?

Gather the following documents:

- 2019 tax returns
- Receipts for qualifying expenses
- Delaware Business License

Connect with one of DSB's Regional Business Managers for application help

DE Relief Grants

Grants can be used for:

- **Purchasing COVID-19 safety equipment for workplace**
- **Refinancing debt incurred due to COVID-19**
- **Advertising undertaken as a result of COVID-19**
- **Fixed expenses accrued during COVID-19**

Additional COVID-19 relief programs:

- **Hospitality Emergency Loan Program**
(still open)
- **COVID-19 Customer Protection Standards**

COVID-19

Customer Protection Standards



Staff wears mandated face coverings



Staff regularly washes their hands



Staff disinfects surfaces customers touch often



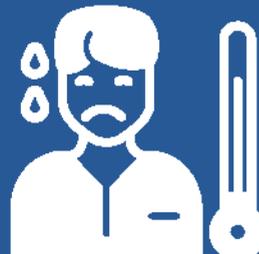
Staff that can work from home is doing so



Business has COVID-19 safety signs posted



Business follows all other industry-specific rules



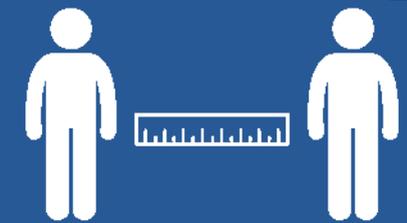
Staff stays home when sick or possibly sick



Business has closed common areas



Business makes sanitizer available to all customers



Staff works as socially distant as possible

Window Decal

This business follows Delaware's

COVID-19

Customer Protection Standards

 **Delaware**
DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS

For more information on the standards, visit delbiz.com/coronavirus

COVID-19 Customer Protection Standards

- Encouraging customers to **look for the shield logo at the front of a business**
- Shield shows a business is **serious about effort** to protect customers and employees
- Searchable database and sortable map of participating businesses: **delbiz.com/protect**

COVID-19 Customer Protection Standards

If not a participant, sign up:
delbiz.com/protect

- Sharing on social media efforts of participating businesses
- We appreciate the effort businesses are making
- We also want consumers to know where they can feel good about going

The Doggie Playhouse Newark, DE



Anthony Albence

**State Election Commissioner
Delaware Department of Elections**

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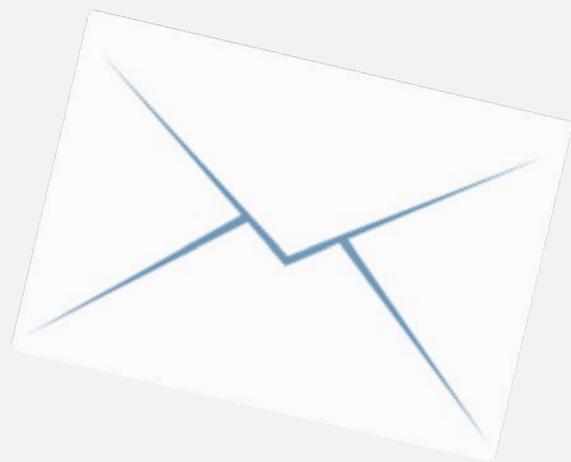
VOTE BY MAIL (VBM)

- **House Bill 346** enables Delawareans across the state to vote by mail, if they choose, for the **2020 state primary and general elections**.
- **Registered Democrats and Republicans** who did not request absentee in a prior elections were mailed ballot applications for vote by mail.
- If you did not receive a ballot application in the mail, **request it online: ivote.de.gov**
- **RETURN YOUR BALLOT APPLICATIONS AND A BALLOT WILL BE MAILED PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.**

What's the difference between **absentee voting** and **vote by mail**?

ABSENTEE VOTING

Requires a reason to request a vote by absentee ballot. These reasons include being sick, disabled, or being on vacation, and are defined by law.



VOTE BY MAIL

Does not require a specific reason to vote by mail.

Learn more at elections.delaware.gov

VOTE BY MAIL (VBM)

What is Vote By Mail (VBM)?

- VBM is the option to request and return a ballot by mail, instead of voting in person at your assigned polling place.
- Unlike absentee voting, you do not need a reason to request a VBM ballot.



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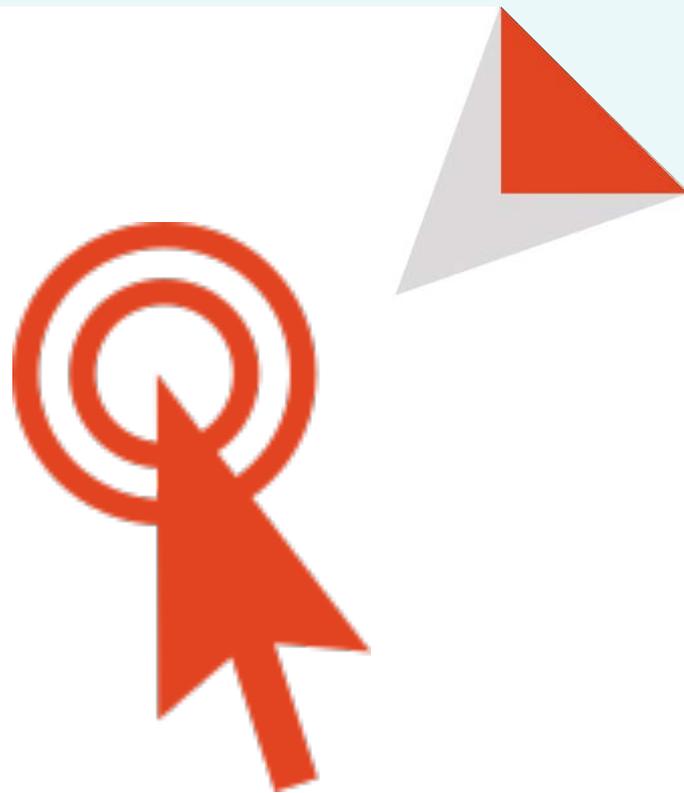
What's the deadline?

- The last date VBM ballots will be mailed for the Primary Election is Friday, 9/11 and for the General Election is Friday, 10/30.
- **We advise you to send your VBM application in at least one week prior to Election Day.**

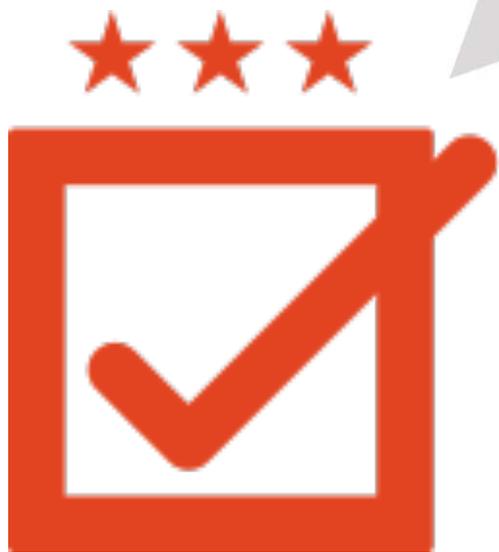
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Can I send my application online?

- Yes, you may send by fax, by attaching to an email, or you may use the iVote portal: **ivote.de.gov**)



VOTE BY MAIL (VBM)



Do I need to request VBM ballots for both State Primary & General Election?

- Yes, though you can request VBM for both elections on one application. Check all necessary boxes on the application.

VOTE BY MAIL (VBM)

Is the VBM process secure?



- Yes, internal systems and controls are in place to ensure that a voter may only have one active ballot issued for a particular election at any one time.



VOTER REGISTRATION

DEADLINE

ivote.de.gov

DELAWARE STATE



Primary Election





DELAWARE STATE *Elections*

VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION & BALLOT

SUBMIT EARLY:

THE SOONER,

THE BETTER



VOTE BY MAIL: SECURE DROP BOX LOCATIONS

New Castle County

Carvel State Office Building

820 North French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Carvel Lobby; M-F 6:30AM-5:30PM

Elections 4th Floor; M-F 8AM-4:30PM

New Castle County Warehouse & Training Center

200 Lisa Drive
New Castle, DE 19720

*Located at south (far) end of
building; Available M-F 8AM-4:30PM*

Kent County

Department of Elections

100 Enterprise Pl, Suite 5
Dover, DE 19904

Available M-F 8AM-4:30PM

Sussex County

Department of Elections

119 N. Race Street
Georgetown, DE 19947

Available M-F 8AM-4:30PM

Please check county election office website, social media, or call county office to learn of any extended office hours.



Act with a sense of **community.**

- Be smart.
- Get tested.
- Wash your hands.
- Wear a face covering.
- Practice social distancing.
- **Protect your neighbors.**

For the latest updates:

de.gov/coronavirus