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Ashley Cilmi, a sixth-grader at Shue-Medill Middle School, participates in remote learning on Tuesday, the first day of school.

Remote learning begins

District reports issues with technology, access

By JACOB TOOK

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Out of 14,000 Christina School District students, 9,582 logged in for virtual instruction on Tuesday, the first day of a semester that will proceed online until at least Oct. 19.

Superintendent Dan Shelton expressed confidence that the district is working to meet the needs of its students, but acknowledged opportunities to do better in the coming weeks.

Speaking at a school board meeting on Tuesday evening, Shelton said

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Christopher Bigham logs into his Christina Early Education Center pre-K class on Tuesday.

Newark an 'area of concern' amid virus spike at UD

Students not cooperating with contact tracers

By JOSH SHANNON

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State health officials are keeping a close eye on Newark as the return of University of Delaware students has caused the city's coronavirus infections to spike.

The city is one of several "areas of concern" identified by Dr. Karyl Rattay, director of the Delaware Division of Public Health, on Tuesday. Other areas include parts of Bear/Glasgow, New Castle, Wilmington and Dover.

As of Wednesday afternoon, there have been a total of 74 cases among students and staff members who have been on campus since Aug. 31. Another 57 tested positive before coming to campus and were told to stay home.

After controlling an initial outbreak in March tied to a UD professor who visited New Jersey, Newark saw a lower rate of infection than many other areas of Delaware throughout the spring and summer. By mid-August, the average number of new cases per day here was less than one. Now, thanks to the recent spike at UD, the average number of daily new cases is 5.4.

Since the pandemic began, the city has seen 273 people test positive. There have been 11 coronavirus-related deaths in Newark, mostly tied to nursing homes, and none since May.

City officials have long feared that the return of UD students would cause an increase in coronavirus cases, prompting city council to pass strict limits

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