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Drexel med labs to remain at Hahnemann while awaiting new on-campus building

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Drexel University has signed a new lease to stay at the New College Building at the former Hahnemann University Hospital while a new lab building is constructed for the school on its University City campus.

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by Jacob Adelman

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Drexel University has decided not to [move its medical labs](#) to Montgomery County and will instead remain at the former Hahnemann University Hospital site on North Broad Street while a new research building is constructed on its University City campus.

Drexel has signed a lease for at least six years for the entire 590,000-square-foot [New College Building](#) at 15th and Vine Streets, workplace for around 250 researchers and staff, said Alan Greenberger, Drexel's vice

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Queen Lane Campus in East Falls, where another 200 work.

The lease is meant to buy Drexel time to work with developer [Wexford Science & Technology](#) on a new building for the labs near the College of Nursing and Health Professions building underway for the university by Wexford at 36th and Filbert Streets, Greenberger said.

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“We want it near there,” Greenberger said. “There’s a lot of crossover.”

Greenberger had said in March that Drexel was considering moving the labs from the Hahnemann site and the Queen Lane Campus to GlaxoSmithKline’s [former pharmaceutical plant](#) in Montgomery County, part of a planned network of lab and office buildings dubbed Discovery Labs.

The University of Pennsylvania announced last month that its [gene therapy program](#) had signed a 150,000-square-foot lease at the GSK building in King of Prussia.



Drexel was able to remain at the New College Building on the Hahnemann campus after negotiating a new lease with its soon-to-be owners, Iron Stone Real Estate Partners, that involves repairs and improvements to the property, including new elevator machinery and upgraded ventilation systems, Greenberger said.

Iron Stone is under contract to buy the campus’ New College Building and other properties comprising about 800,000 square feet currently owned by Harrison Street Real Estate Capital of Chicago.

The deal does not include the attached main hospital tower at Broad and Vine Streets or other properties owned by [California-based investment banker Joel Freedman](#), who teamed with Harrison Street to buy Hahnemann in 2018.

“We’re happy that we’re able to provide some resolution to the uncertainty at Hahnemann and provide Drexel with some time, space and



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Family members of Philly's overdose victims find solace in a city-run bereavement group

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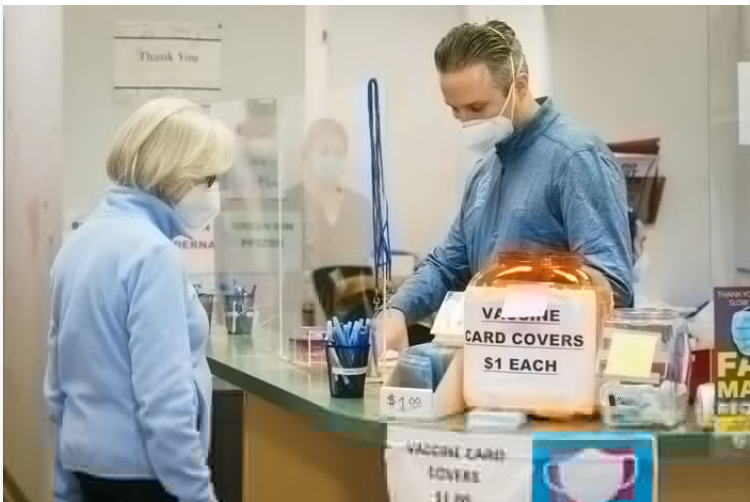


New Jersey is ending its mask mandate for students, leaving the decision up to school districts

“This is a huge step back to normalcy for our kids,” Gov. Murphy said. “We have to learn how to live with COVID as we move from a pandemic to the endemic phase of this virus.”

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More women are having fallopian tubes removed, not just tied. Here's why.

Salpingectomy began about 10 years ago, with data showing that the majority of the most common forms of ovarian cancer originate in the distal fallopian tubes.

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New Jersey, Delaware ending mask mandates as COVID-19 situation improves across the Philly region

COVID-19 cases are down 73% in Philadelphia over the past two weeks.

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- [N.J. Gov. Murphy: 'We can responsibly live with this thing'](#)
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Judge orders Perkiomen Valley School District to continue masking to protect disabled students

The decision is likely to be reviewed by other area school districts revisiting masking requirements as COVID-19 cases decline.

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Canadian and Russian women's hockey teams mask up on Olympic ice amid COVID-19 concerns

At issue was that the Russian COVID-19 testing results from earlier in the day were not yet available by game time.

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How a rainy day and finicky fish launched a Pennsylvania program dedicated to unpaved roads.

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Lung transplants encouraging treatment for COVID-19 patients, but long-term outcomes still uncertain

As the pandemic continues, evidence accumulates about the benefits of lung transplants for people who suffered severe COVID-19 cases.

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Philly teens greet COVID-19 vaccination efforts with interest and skepticism

A vaccine clinic at a Philly high school revealed how the city's youth think about COVID-19 vaccination.

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Hearing over Montco school district's mask-optional policy centers on rights of children with disabilities

The case is similar to other legal challenges that have cropped up as some school districts move to drop mask requirements — including one that could affect schools throughout the region.

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Less than a third of Pa. and N.J. elementary schoolers have been vaccinated against COVID-19, three months since the shot became available

"Absolutely not enough kids are getting vaccinated," said one Philadelphia pediatrician.

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At-home COVID-19 test kits say they're not for kids under 2. So how do I test my toddler?

At-home rapid antigen test packages say they're not intended for use among children under 2. But it turns out that they can work just fine -- if you can handle a squirming youngster long enough.

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Medicare opens up access to free at-home COVID-19 tests

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services said Medicare will cover up to eight free tests per month, starting in early spring.

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