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Weekly Pease Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program Update

Community Engagement:

- DHHS is working with the City of Portsmouth to set up a Community Advisory Board. This advisory board will be independent from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and will serve to give feedback and recommendations about the DHHS testing program, including communication efforts, reporting of results, and input on future direction of the testing program.
- NH DHHS has a twitter account where we will send out periodic updates along with this weekly update. The NH DHHS Public Information Twitter account is: @NHDHHSPIO.

Testing Process:

- As of Friday 4/17/15, a total of 357 persons have indicated interest in blood testing for PFCs; this includes 252 adults and 105 children.
- Information packets with questionnaires and consent/assent forms have been mailed to a total of 301 families (sometimes with multiple people in a family).
- Portsmouth Hospital phlebotomy facilities at the Pease Tradeport are testing:
 - **Adults** with DHHS issued requisition forms and labels should go to the Portsmouth Regional Hospital blood draw facility on the Pease Tradeport (located at 26 Manchester Square, Portsmouth, NH) to get their blood drawn, Monday – Friday, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm (no appointment necessary).
 - **Children** with DHHS issued requisition forms and labels should go to the Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Jackson Gray Medical Building (located at 330 Borthwick Avenue, 1st floor Suite 112, Portsmouth, NH) to get their blood drawn, Monday – Friday, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm (no appointment necessary).
- As of Friday 4/17/15, we have received 21 blood specimens in the NH DHHS lab. We will be grouping blood specimens into batches of 30-40 samples prior to shipping to the testing lab.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- The NH DHHS hosted a community meeting on Tuesday night March 31, 2015 at the Pease Tradeport to discuss the PFC testing program and hear community feedback. Video of this event can be found on the DHHS website at: <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/investigation-pease.htm>

Any persons with questions about the testing program can call the DHHS Public Inquiry line Monday – Friday, 8am–4pm, at 603-271-9461.