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Weekly Pease Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program Update

Community Engagement:

- We at DHHS have posted updated documentation online, including the updated Testing Protocol, Consent Form, and PFC Frequently Asked Questions.
- These are “living documents” and will be regularly updated as the testing program progresses and results are reported back.

Testing Process:

- As of Friday, May 29, 2015, 647 persons (487 adults and 160 children) have asked to have their blood tested for PFCs.
- 283 persons have submitted blood specimens, and the NH DHHS lab is shipping the blood specimens to the CDC testing lab.
- Registration for testing closed on Friday May 29th to allow for timely processing and reporting of results.
- Participants who have requested testing have until June 12th to get their blood drawn at one of the following Portsmouth Hospital phlebotomy facilities:
 - **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), which is open 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), which is open Monday–Friday, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm (no appointment necessary).
- NH DHHS has been in discussions with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and they are able to provide additional testing above the 100 tests they initially committed to.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) laboratory has tested the initial batch of 100 patient specimens for nine PFC compounds including the two PFCs DHHS had requested—perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).
- Because participants gave formal permission to test only for PFOS and PFOA, DHHS is sending a letter asking whether individuals want to know test results for just PFOS and PFOA or the panel of nine PFC results.
- When we hear back from participants about their reporting preference, we will begin initial reporting of individual results; this is still expected to begin by June 15th.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- The next Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting is scheduled for June 2nd in Portsmouth. Further information about the CAB can be found on the City of Portsmouth website:
<http://cityofportsmouth.com/communityadvisoryboardhavenwell.html>
- Please visit the DHHS website for more information and to view our updated information on PFCs, including our Frequently Asked Questions:
<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, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, at 603-271-9461.