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Weekly Pease Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program Update

Community Engagement:

- View our “Frequently Asked Questions” document (updated 6/1/15) on our website for information about PFCs and the Pease Tradeport Testing Program:
<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/investigation-pease.htm>

Testing Process:

- 672 persons (509 adults and 163 children) have asked to have their blood tested for PFCs by the time registration for testing closed.
- As of Friday 6/5, 318 persons had submitted blood specimens for testing.
- Participants who have registered for 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).
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) laboratory tested the initial batch of 100 patient specimens for nine PFC compounds, including PFOS and PFOA.
- Before we can begin reporting the first 100 test results, we need the recently mailed participant letters returned indicating how individuals want results reported back to them.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- DHHS is coordinating a public meeting with the Community Advisory Board to present the first batch of test results to the community the week of June 15th. Formal meeting announcement to come.
- DHHS is drafting a letter to healthcare providers notifying them of the release of PFC test results and providing further information about PFCs.

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.