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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEAS GENERAL MEMORANDUM (GM)	
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MEMORANDUM SUMMARY
<p>This guidance supersedes <a href="#">GM 21-19</a>, released May 13, 2021, regarding guidance for reopening congregate meals sites. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide nutrition agencies with guidance and resources to assist in operating congregate meal sites now that the New Hampshire State of Emergency has ended, while the federally declared COVID 19 National Public Health Emergency continues.</p> <p>Effective May 7, 2021, the <a href="#">Universal Best Practices</a> replaced all “Safer at Home 2.0” business operations guidance that had been in place since March 2020. These <a href="#">Universal Best Practices</a> are for all individuals, businesses, and organizations to consider and implement for the operation of their business and replaces <a href="#">GM 21-19</a> for contracted congregate meals service providers.</p> <p><i>All BEAS guidance regarding the COVID-19 Emergency is available at:</i> <a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/covid-guidance.htm">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/covid-guidance.htm</a>.</p>

1. All nutrition agencies must follow the NH [Universal Best Practices](https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/inline-documents/sonh/universal-best-practices.pdf) for All New Hampshire Employers and Employees, which may be accessed using the following link:  
<https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/inline-documents/sonh/universal-best-practices.pdf>
2. Nutrition agencies are responsible for monitoring for changes and updates in guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov/), and local town and city public health agencies in their service area to ensure adherence to the most current safety practices.
3. As of April 17, 2021, there is no longer a mask mandate in the State of NH, however, private businesses, towns, cities, and organizations may still require that masks be worn. Nutrition agencies are responsible for monitoring for mask mandates in the towns and cities within their service area. The Division of Public Health Services updated face mask recommendations can be found at:  
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/face-mask-recommendations.pdf>

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