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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak, Update # 39 *Various Topics and Updated Partner Call Schedule*

KEY POINTS and RECOMMENDATIONS:

- New Hampshire is currently in [Phase 3](#) of COVID-19 vaccination, which means everybody 16 years of age and older, regardless of existing medical conditions, is eligible to schedule and receive one of the currently available COVID-19 vaccines
 - There is no longer any need for healthcare providers to submit medical verification forms
 - Anybody 16 years of age or older can go online to <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/> to register (or call 2-1-1 if no internet access)
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has updated their [Emergency Use Authorization](#) for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine:
 - See the most updated FDA [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#)
 - See the most updated FDA [Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)
 - Current multi-dose vials may contain a maximum of 11-doses (note: the ability to extract an 11th dose will depend on the type of syringes and needles used)
 - New multi-dose vials are now authorized to contain a maximum of 15 doses (range of 13-15 doses that can potentially be extracted)
 - Storage and handling requirements have been changed to allow more flexibility
 - A new statement was added that delayed injection site hypersensitivity reactions (pain, erythema, and swelling) likely related to vaccination and occurring more than 7 days after vaccination were reported in 1.2% of vaccine recipients and 0.4% of placebo recipients
- Emergence of SARS-CoV-2 [Variants of Concern](#) may render some SARS-CoV-2 monoclonal antibody therapies less effective:
 - Review the updated NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines, including their guidance on use of [Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Monoclonal Antibodies](#) and their [Statement on the EUA of the Bamlanivimab Plus Etesevimab Combination for the Treatment of COVID-19](#)
 - Review the Infectious disease Society of America (IDSA) [Guidelines on the Treatment and Management of Patients with COVID-19](#)
 - Review the FDA [Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers](#) and the [Fact Sheet for Patients, Parents and Caregivers](#) for use of Bamlanivimab and Etesevimab under the EUA
 - The NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is no longer involved in allocating monoclonal antibody therapies to healthcare organizations and pharmacies; organizations should work directly with distributors to order monoclonal antibody therapies
- The NH COVID-19 [Case Report Form](#) has been updated and asks about vaccination status. Please complete the updated COVID-19 Case Report Form for all new SARS-CoV-2 infections. Any case reported to be fully vaccinated will be prioritized for investigation and contact tracing.

Updated Weekly Partner Call Schedule for:

- **Long-term care facilities and congregate living settings** will occur the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm, in partnership with the NH Healthcare Association (NHHCA):
 - Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/511075725>
 - Call-in phone number: (929) 205-6099
 - Meeting ID: 511 075 725
 - Password: 092020
- **Educational and childcare partners** will occur the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:30 – 4:30 pm:
 - Zoom link: <https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/98062195081>
 - Call-in phone number: (646) 558-8656
 - Meeting ID: 980 6219 5081
 - Password: 197445
- **Healthcare providers and other public health partners** will continue to occur weekly every Thursday from 12:00 – 1:00 pm; these calls focus on new science, medical, and vaccine updates:
 - Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/s/94841259025>
 - Call-in phone number: (646) 558-8656
 - Meeting ID: 948 4125 9025
 - Password: 003270

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- If you are calling after hours or on the weekend, please call the New Hampshire Hospital switchboard at (603) 271-5300 and request the Public Health Professional on-call.
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