New Hampshire Coronavirus Disease 2019 Weekly Call for School Partners September 30, 2020

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• Q&A – To ask a question, use the Q&A feature in Zoom
  o Hover over bottom of Zoom screen to find “Q&A”
  o This is a public call, be careful about what you share (no confidential/sensitive information)
  o Ask general questions, individual consultation should be directed to the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at 603-271-4496 (ask for a public health staff members)
Situation Update

• 33.5 million cases globally
• 7.2 million in U.S.
• 8,233 cases in New Hampshire

• Stay at Home ended Monday June 15th
  – Safer at Home
• State of Emergency remains in effect
• Re-opening: https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/
U.S. Epidemic Curve
(new cases per day)
Flattening the Curve – Daily New Cases per 100,000 over last two weeks
NH New Hospitalizations by Day
NH New Cases by Day

Stay at Home 1.0  Stay at Home 2.0  Safer at Home

Mar 1  Apr 1  May 1  Jun 1  Jul 1  Aug 1  Sep 1  Oct 1

0  50  100  150

NH DIVISION OF Public Health Services
Department of Health and Human Services
NH New Deaths by Week

Stay at Home 1.0
Stay at Home 2.0
Safer at Home

Apr 1  May 1  Jun 1  Jul 1  Aug 1  Sep 1
# Community Level Metrics

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<th>STATEWIDE</th>
<th>CITY OF MANCHESTER</th>
<th>CITY OF NASHUA</th>
<th>STRAFFORD COUNTY</th>
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<td>Level of Transmission</td>
<td>New Cases per 100k over 14 days</td>
<td>New Hosp per 100k over 14 days</td>
<td>7-Day PCR Test Positivity Rate</td>
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<td>Minimal</td>
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<td>76.1</td>
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<td>71.5</td>
<td>2.3</td>
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Source: [https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/schools.htm#dash](https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/schools.htm#dash)
New Resources on DHHS Website

- **Halloween Guidance**
- **COVID-19 Resident and Staff Sentinel Surveillance Program (CRSSSP)**
  Revision September 23, 2020
- **Educational FAQ**
- **NH DHHS Recommendations for Responding to COVID-19 in K-12 Schools**
- **COVID-19 School Toolkit**
- **You can now access the school dashboard from the schools page:**

  ![](image)
School Checklist- Responding to a Confirmed Case of COVID-19 (pg. 11)

Partner with DPHS to determine close contacts* to the case
  o DPHS: Interviews the patient
  o School: may be asked to assist in identifying close contacts for whom the case is not familiar (peers in class, meetings, etc)

Helpful items to have ready:
  o Class, bus and athletic/club schedule for any case, including seating charts.
  o Data: total number of students/staff in school, total number staff/students in each impacts classroom/area of the school
  o Contact information (or contact information for parent/guidance) for case and any identified contacts
  o *within 6 feet for at least 10 cumulative minutes
SCREENING ALGORITHM UPDATED 9/30/20

Any new or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19?

Yes

Exclude & instruct person to self-isolate and seek testing

Yes

Tested with a recommended COVID-19 test?

Yes

Test

Inconclusive or Indeterminate

Excluded, and person should be re-tested

Negative

Return when afebrile for ≥24 hours off any fever-reducing medicine, and symptoms improved

Positive or Not Tested

Exclude, conduct enhanced cleaning and disinfection of spaces used by person, and, if positive, work with DPHS to conduct investigation. Person can return when they meet criteria for discontinuation of isolation

Inconclusive or Indeterminate

Minimum 14 day self-quarantine from last day of exposure; if person develops symptoms then re-test

Negative

Any new or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19?

No

Close contact with a person confirmed with COVID-19?

No

Travel outside of NH, ME, VT, MA, CT, or RI in the prior 14 days?

No

Allow entry into facility & person should monitor for symptoms

Yes

Person develops symptoms of COVID-19 during school

Follow these steps:
1. Place a surgical mask on the symptomatic person
2. Escort (from a distance) the person to a designated private isolation room in the nurse's office and close the door, if safe to do so
3. Record the person's temperature and perform a brief assessment of the person's symptoms:
   - Keep any assessment brief
   - Stay at least 6 feet away, to the extent possible
   - When in the same room as the person, nurse should wear a surgical face mask
   - Wear eye protection if within 6 feet of the person, or if the symptomatic individual is unable to wear a face mask (even if more than 6 feet away)
   - If prolonged close contact, or contact with a person's respiratory secretions is anticipated, wear full PPE (surgical mask, eye protection, gown, gloves)
   - Avoid aerosol generating procedures
4. Send the person home by private transportation
5. Follow the algorithm for managing a symptomatic person
## COVID-19 Definitions for Schools (pg. 5)

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<td>CONFIRMED CASE of COVID-19</td>
<td>Anyone with <strong>confirmed laboratory evidence</strong>: detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in a clinical specimen using molecular amplification detection tests</td>
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| PROBABLE CASE of COVID-19   | 1. Meets **clinical criteria AND epidemiologic evidence** with no confirmatory laboratory testing (detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in a clinical specimen using molecular amplification detection tests).  
   OR  
   1. Meets presumptive laboratory evidence (positive antigen test) for COVID-19 AND either **clinical criteria** OR **epidemiologic evidence**,  
   OR  
   1. Meets vital records criteria with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19. |
| SUSPECT CASE of COVID-19    | Anyone with **supportive laboratory evidence**: Detection of specific antibody in serum, plasma, or whole blood |
| CLUSTER of COVID-19 in a SCHOOL | ≥3 confirmed cases who are part of a related group of individuals (e.g., classroom) and who had the potential to transmit infection to each other through close contact |
| OUTBREAK of COVID-19 in a SCHOOL | ≥3 clusters in the same school |
Management of Household Contacts (HHCs) of Persons with New and Unexplained Symptoms of COVID-19, Based on the Symptomatic Person’s COVID-19 Risk Factors and Testing Status: (pg. 11)

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<th>Risk Factor?*</th>
<th>Viral Testing Pending? †</th>
<th>Action:</th>
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| Present       | Yes                      | • Symptomatic person isolates pending test result.  
                |              | • HHCs quarantine pending test results. |
| No            |                         | • Symptomatic person must remain on isolation until they have met CDC’s criteria for discontinuation of isolation.  
                |              | • HHCs quarantine for 14 days from last day of exposure. |
| Absent        | Yes                      | • Symptomatic person isolates pending test result.  
                |              | • HHCs can remain in school/work as long as they remain asymptomatic, but if test is positive then quarantine. |
|               | No                       | • Symptomatic person must remain on isolation until they have met CDC’s criteria for discontinuation of isolation.  
                |              | • HHCs can remain in school/work as long as they remain asymptomatic. |

*Risk Factors for COVID-19 exposure include close contact to a person with COVID-19, travel outside of the New England area, or other high-risk activities as identified by an employer or public health in the 14 days before symptom onset.

† Appropriate COVID-19 viral testing includes molecular- (i.e., PCR) or antigen-based tests (antigen tests must be conducted within an appropriate time frame after symptom onset, as specified in manufacturer instructions). Antibody tests are not appropriate for diagnosing active infection.