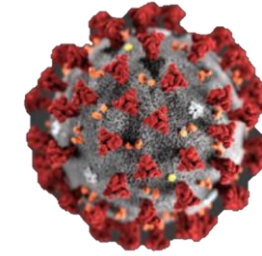


New Hampshire Coronavirus Disease 2019 Weekly Call for School Partners September 30, 2020



Agenda:

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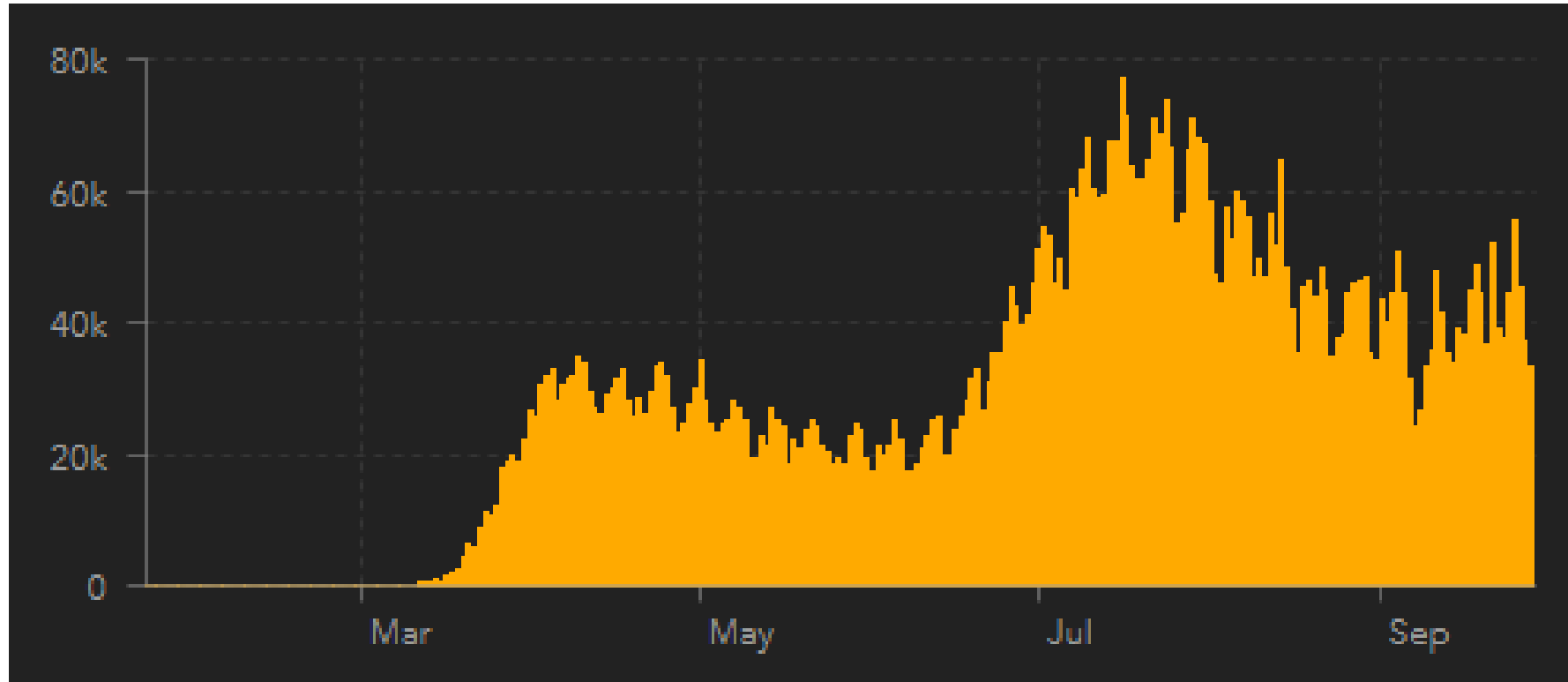
- Q&A – To ask a question, use the Q&A feature in Zoom
 - Hover over bottom of Zoom screen to find “Q&A”
 - This is a public call, be careful about what you share (no confidential/sensitive information)
 - Ask general questions, individual consultation should be directed to the Bureau of Infectious Disease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

Situation Update

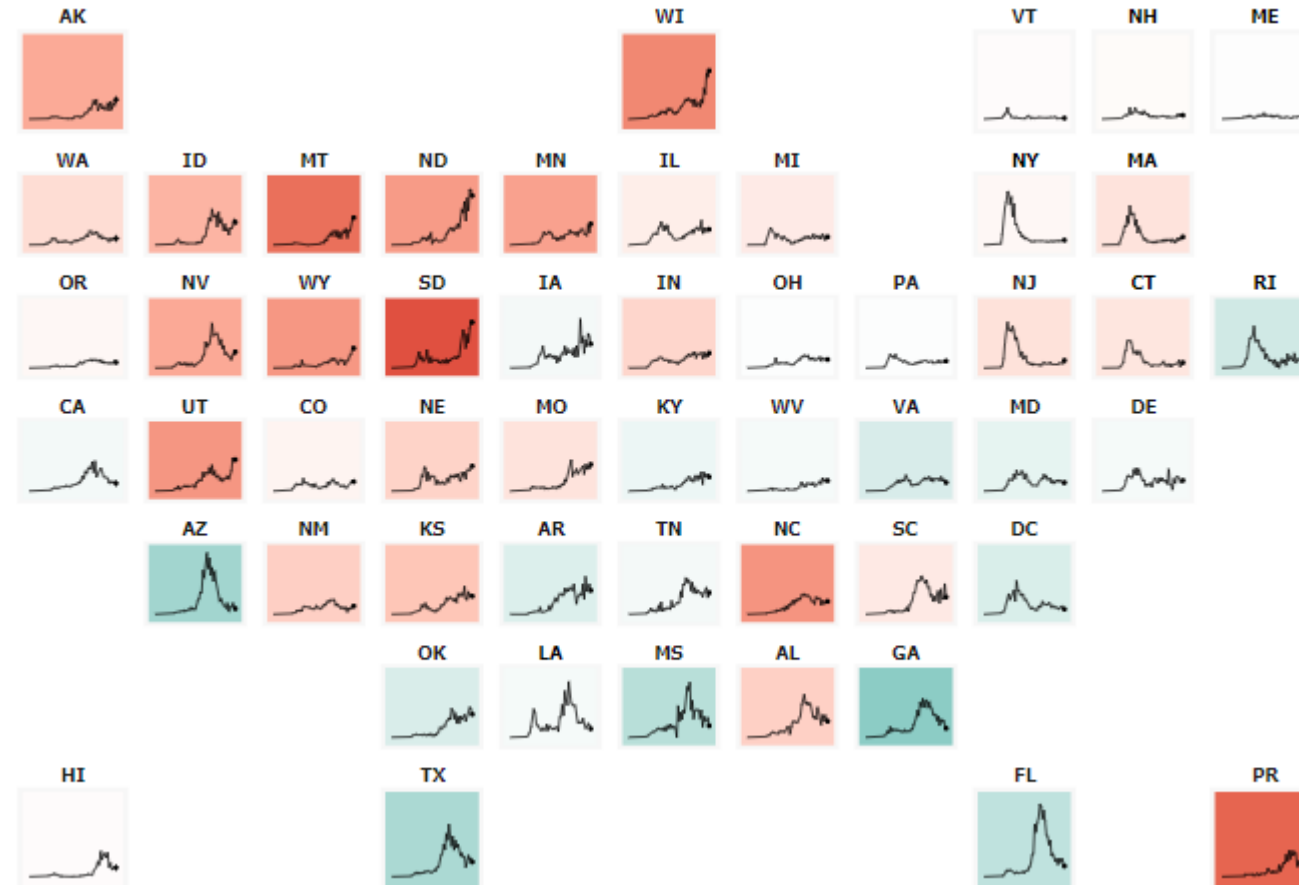
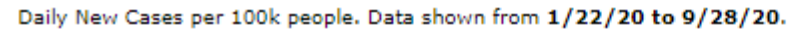
- *33.5 million cases globally*
- *7.2 million in U.S.*
- *8,233 cases in New Hampshire*
- Stay at Home ended Monday June 15th
 - *Safer at Home*
- State of Emergency remains in effect
- Re-opening: <https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/>

U.S. Epidemic Curve

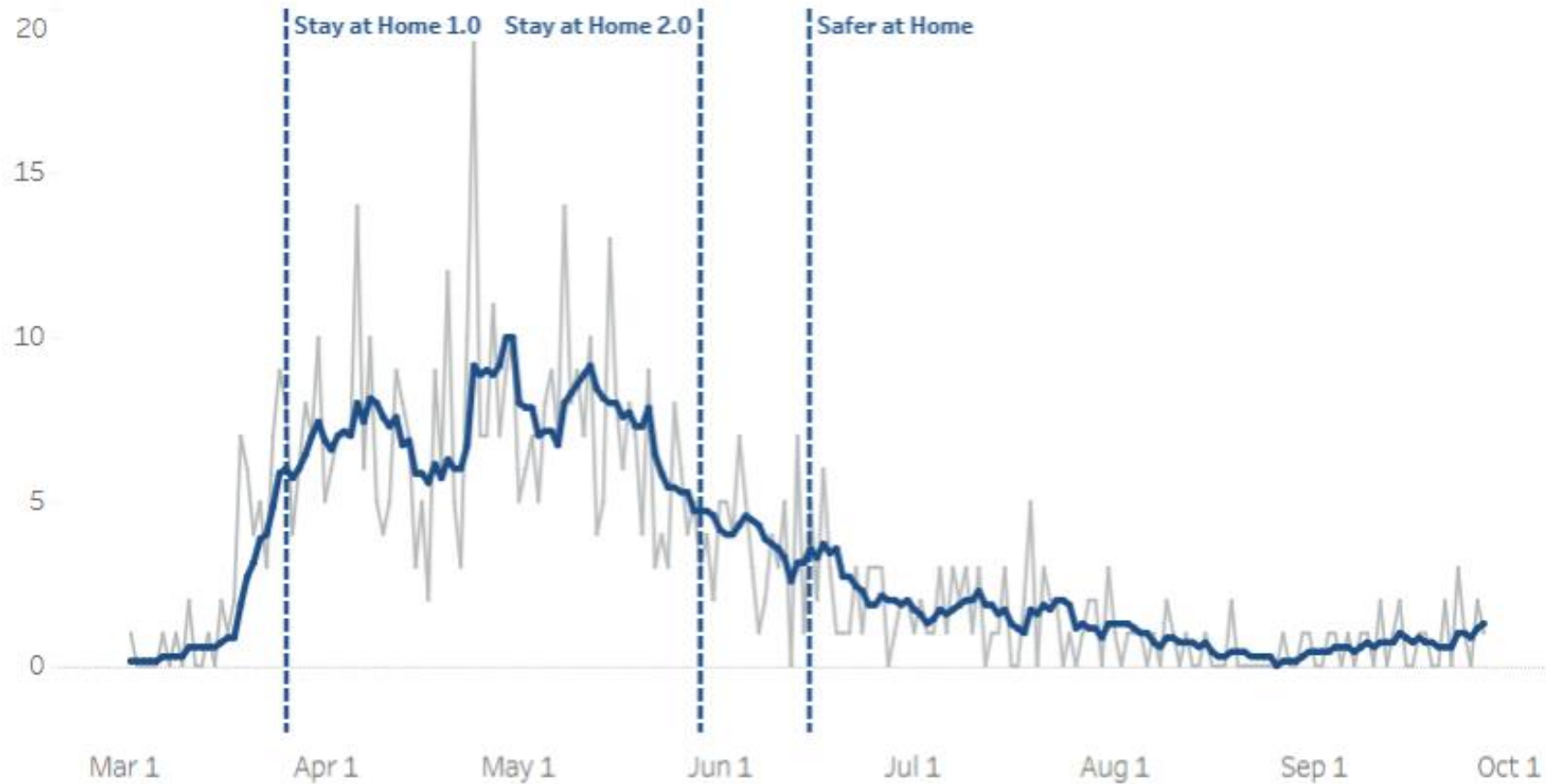
(new cases per day)



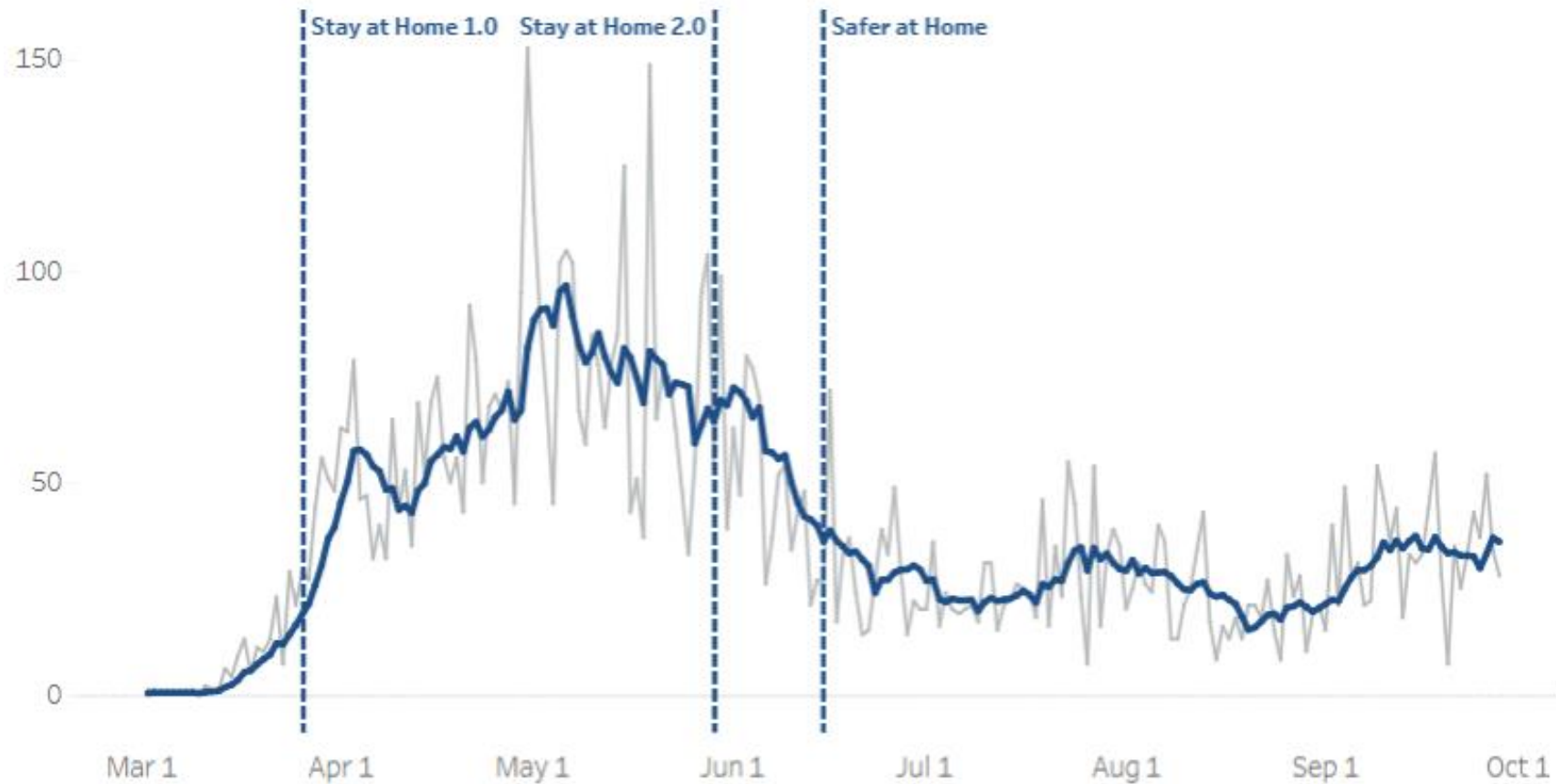
Flattening the Curve – Daily New Cases per 100,000 over last two weeks



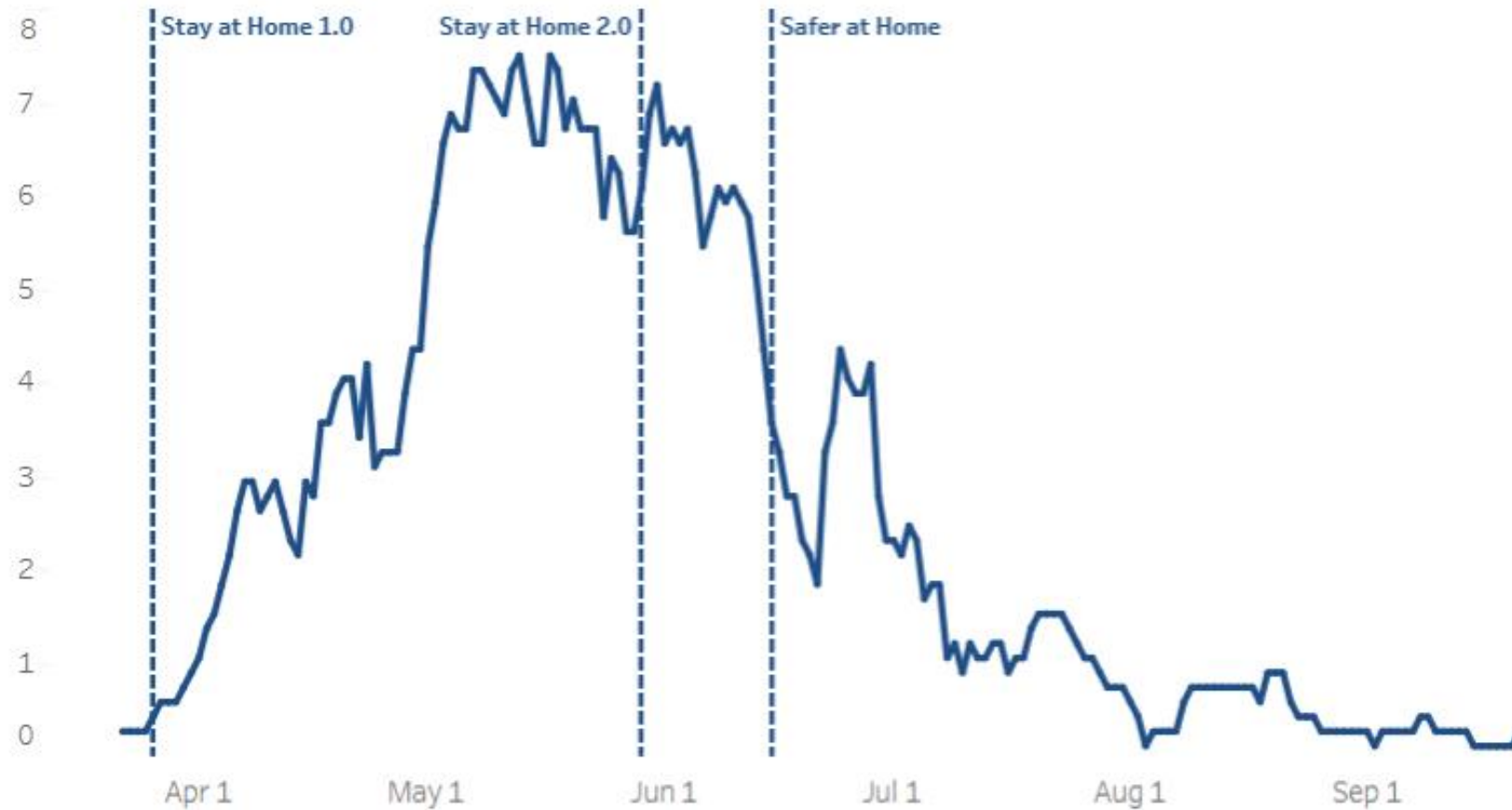
NH New Hospitalizations by Day



NH New Cases by Day



NH New Deaths by Week



Community Level Metrics

STATEWIDE

Level of
Transmission

Minimal

New Cases per 100k
over 14 days

35.9

New Hosp per 100k
over 14 days

0.9

7-Day PCR Test
Positivity Rate

1.0%

CITY OF MANCHESTER

Level of
Transmission

Moderate

New Cases per 100k
over 14 days

60.9

New Hosp per 100k
over 14 days

2.7

7-Day PCR Test
Positivity Rate

1.6%

CITY OF NASHUA

Level of
Transmission

Moderate

New Cases per 100k
over 14 days

76.1

New Hosp per 100k
over 14 days

2.2

7-Day PCR Test
Positivity Rate

2.2%

STRAFFORD COUNTY

Level of
Transmission

Moderate

New Cases per 100k
over 14 days

71.5

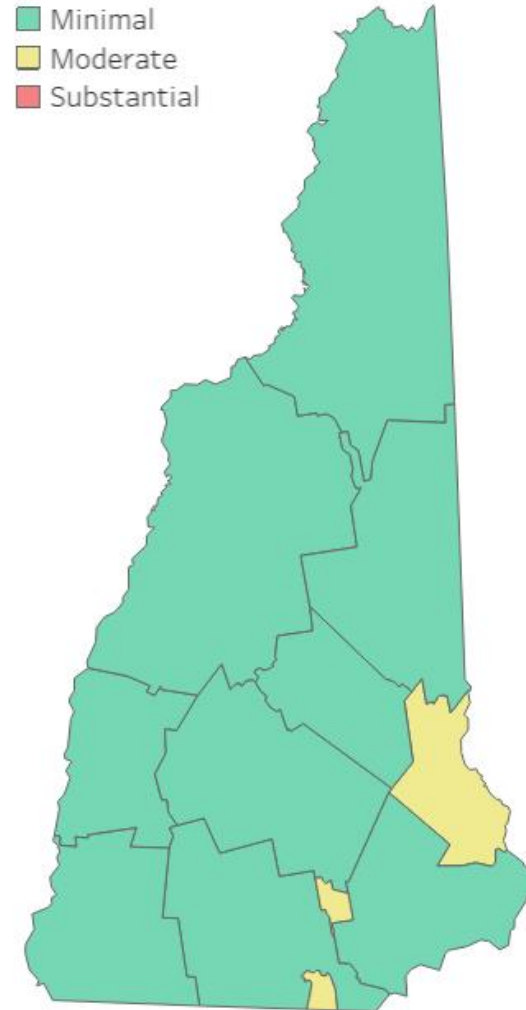
New Hosp per 100k
over 14 days

2.3

7-Day PCR Test
Positivity Rate

2.3%

Minimal
Moderate
Substantial



Source: <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:](#)

Schools

Information and resources for schools and educators, including posters and webinars.

COVID-19 School Dashboard

Guidance and Recommendations

- NH DHHS: [Recommendations for Responding to COVID-19 in K-12 Schools](#)  (September 28, 2020)
- NH DHHS: [Recommendations for Responding to COVID-19 at Residential Schools, Colleges and Universities](#)  (August 27, 2020)
- NH DHHS: [Considerations for Transitioning Between School Instructional Models Based on Level of Community COVID-19 Transmission and Impact on Local Schools](#)  (September 1, 2020)
- Department of Education: [New Hampshire Grades K-12 Back-To-School Guidance](#) 
- Department of Education: [NH Post-Secondary Education Fall Planning Workgroup](#) 
- Department of Education: [Guidance for Community Events](#) 
- Department of Education: [Guidance for Remote Instruction](#)
- [CDC Guidance on School Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection](#)

Mental Health/
Stress/Anxiety Support

Safer at Home

Get Tested

Have questions about
COVID-19?

Call 2-1-1

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

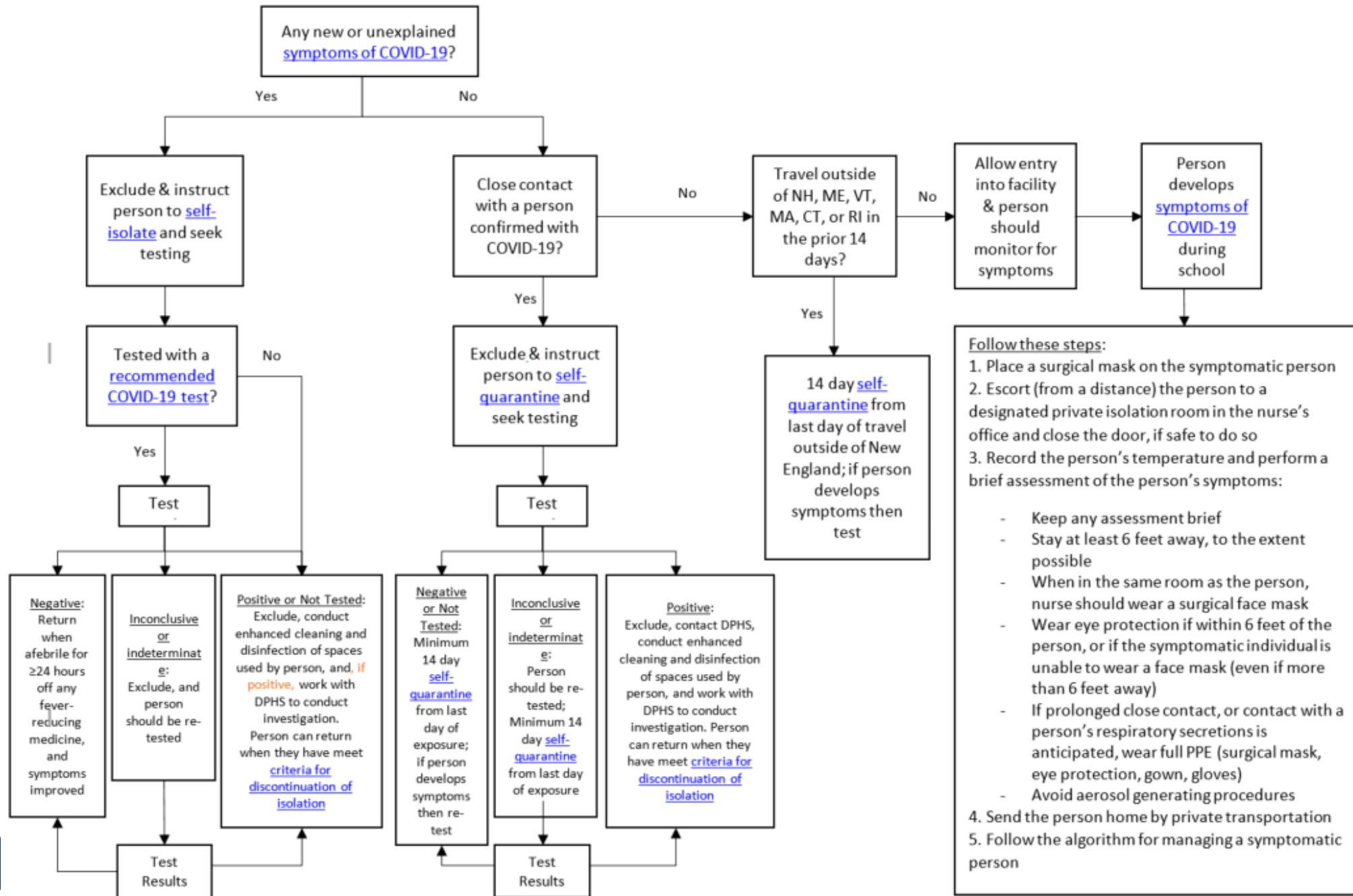
Partner with DPHS to determine close contacts* to the case

- DPHS: Interviews the patient
- 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:

- Class, bus and athletic/club schedule for any case, including seating charts.
- Data: total number of students/staff in school, total number staff/students in each impacts classroom/area of the school
- Contact information (or contact information for parent/guidance) for case and any identified contacts
- *within 6 feet for at least 10 cumulative minutes

SCREENING ALGORITHM UPDATED 9/30/20



COVID-19 Definitions for Schools (pg. 5)

CONFIRMED CASE of COVID-19	Anyone with confirmed laboratory evidence : detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in a clinical specimen using molecular amplification detection tests
PROBABLE CASE of COVID-19	<p>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).</p> <p>OR</p> <p>1. Meets presumptive laboratory evidence (positive antigen test) for COVID-19 AND either clinical criteria OR epidemiologic evidence.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>1. Meets vital records criteria with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19.</p>
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)

Risk Factor?*	Viral Testing Pending? †	Action:
Present	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptomatic person isolates pending test result. • HHCs quarantine pending test results.
	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptomatic person must remain on isolation until they have met CDC's criteria for <u>discontinuation of isolation</u>. • HHCs quarantine for 14 days from last day of exposure.
Absent	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptomatic person must remain on isolation until they have met CDC's criteria for <u>discontinuation of isolation</u>. • 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.