New Hampshire Coronavirus Disease 2019 Weekly Call for School Partners

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Tracking the Pandemic in NH

Data “Interactive Analytics” Dashboard

www.nh.gov/covid19
Travel and Quarantine Guidance

• We continue to discourage personal non-essential travel, especially on public transportation

• We continue to discourage people gathering in groups where potential close contact might occur (with or without travel)

• Our travel and quarantine guidance remains the same – people traveling to/from areas outside the six New England states need to quarantine for 14 days from last day of travel outside New England

• Given the changing epidemiology and with holiday’s approaching, we recognize a need to update travel guidance and/or address questions arising from holiday travel – we are evaluating and reviewing existing guidance

• Frequent related question: People who are close household contacts of others who should be/are on quarantine due to travel do not need to themselves quarantine
Resuming Schools after Holiday Breaks

- **Residential Schools**: Follow re-opening guidance & testing strategies for bringing students/staff back on campus after holiday break where students will be leaving school and traveling.

- **Non-Residential Schools**:
  - No need/recommendation for a school to be remote for 2 weeks after a holiday break.
  - Students & staff who travel to higher risk areas will need to quarantine, as specified in travel guidance (currently defined as outside New England) – see daily screening process/questions.
  - Staff who travel can be considered “essential workers” under travel guidance (see “exceptions to quarantine requirements”) and allowed to continue to work assuming the list of criteria are met.
  - Schools should establish policies and set expectations (i.e., communicate) about travel and gatherings around holidays.
Contact Tracing & Quarantine in Schools

• “Close Contact”: Defined as a person being within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for a cumulative time of 10 minutes or longer (cumulative over a person’s infectious period)

• People identified as “close contacts” need to “quarantine” and will be contacted by public health and entered into our monitoring system for routine public health check-ins

• Situation: whole classrooms are sometimes excluded by schools, but only a subset may be considered “close contacts” by public health – not everybody excluded by the school will necessarily be contacted and quarantined by public health

• Frequent questions about contact tracing in schools: Update by Beth Daly and Lindsay Pierce
Updated School Resources on DHHS Website

- **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-url)
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, conducts contact tracing
- School: assist in identifying close contacts at school for whom the case may not be 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

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