New Hampshire Coronavirus Disease 2019
Weekly Call for School Partners

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## CDC School Webinar

**Monday December 7th at 3:00pm**

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Tracking the Pandemic

Data “Interactive Analytics” Dashboard

www.nh.gov/covid19
National Daily Incidence of COVID-19
Number of New COVID-19 Cases per Day in NH

https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/overview.htm#dash
Number of People Hospitalized with COVID-19 Each Day in NH (Hospital Census)
Number of COVID-19 Deaths in NH by Report Date

Date

Number of Deaths

Non-LTCF Associated
LTCF Associated
Level of Community Transmission

- Minimal
- Moderate
- Substantial

Level of Transmission

Substantial

New Cases per 100k over 14 days: 481.2
New Hosp per 100k over 14 days: 0.9
7-Day PCR Test Positivity Rate: 5.1%

Data as of: 12/1/2020

https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/schools.htm#dash
Considerations for Transitioning Between School Instructional Models

*Updated 11/20/20*

NH DPHS Guidance:
### Instructional Model Decision Matrix

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Considerations for Transitioning Between School Instructional Models Based on Level of Community COVID-19 Transmission and Impact on Local Schools

Background:
The spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in New Hampshire in March 2020 resulted in schools transitioning to full-time remote learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. In July, the New Hampshire Department of Education (NH DOE) released Grades K-12 Back-to-School Guidance for the return to school in the fall. Because of continued COVID-19 community transmission and the unpredictability of the pandemic, schools were asked to plan for different instructional scenarios (in-person, remote, and hybrid) and maintain flexibility to adapt school learning to the constantly changing pandemic.

Purpose:
The purpose of this document is to provide considerations for when schools can consider transitioning between the different instructional models in response to the changing community and school-based COVID-19 epidemiology. This guidance suggests an instructional model based on the COVID-19 level of:

1.) Community transmission within the county in which the school resides (or within the cities of Manchester and Nashua for those school districts)
2.) Impact on individual school facilities

These two factors are incorporated into a decision matrix below that specifies a method of instruction suggested by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services (DPHS). Data related to these metrics will be displayed on the “School” tab on the analytics data dashboard available at: https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/overview.htm. Each school and school district, however, operates in a unique context and with different facility and space capacity, so school districts can choose to take a more or less restrictive approach, as deemed necessary based on the local situation. NH DPHS will also work with schools and SAUs to implement public health protective measures based on specific situations.
Updated Guidance 11/20/2020:
In some circumstances, schools may take a less restrictive approach than what is suggested in the table above. For example, if a school is operating with a full in-person instructional model and able to manage with low school impact despite a “substantial” level of community transmission, then schools can very reasonably hold course and continue with in-person instruction if resources allow. This suggestion is based on data and experience showing that as of November 18, 2020, there has been minimal transmission identified in the K-12 school educational setting – more than 530 students and staff associated with K-12 schools being diagnosed with COVID-19 since the beginning of school which has affected more than 230 different school facilities, and despite the occurrence of some limited/small clusters, there have been no larger outbreaks that have occurred in non-residential K-12 schools.
Quarantine Guidance Updates?
Public Health Contact Tracing Update
Public Health Contact Investigations Update

Modifications to expect in the coming week:

• Prioritized individuals who are infected with COVID-19 will get a letter, at the time of their interview, and instructions on how to release themselves from isolation. DHHS will not longer provide “end of isolation letters”

• Individuals who are notified that they are a close contact to someone with COVID-19 will get a dated letter and instructions on how to release themselves from quarantine. DHHS will not longer provide “end of quarantine letters”
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