New Hampshire Coronavirus Disease 2019 Weekly Call for Education and Childcare Partners

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Updated Guidance

• NH HAN COVID-19 Update #27 (Quarantine Guidance Update)

• General Travel Guidance

• Employer Travel, Screening, and Exclusion Guidance

• A Guide to Isolation (Isolation Guide)

• A Guide to Quarantine (Quarantine Guide)

• Educational Institution Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

• School Toolkit

• Schools Data Dashboard
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak, Update # 27
Quarantine Guidance Update
Weekly Partner Call Changes

Key Points and Recommendations:

- NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) is decreasing the required quarantine period for people potentially exposed to COVID-19 from 14 to 10 days, which is consistent with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) new quarantine guidance:
  - A person who is close contact to another person infectious with COVID-19 must stay home and away from public locations for 10 days starting from the last day of exposure to the infectious person.
  - A person who has traveled outside of New England must stay home and away from public locations for 10 days starting from the last day of travel outside of New England (see NH DPHS Travel Guidance for exceptions to travel-related quarantine).
  - Any person who ends quarantine after 10 days must still monitor themselves daily for symptoms of COVID-19 and strictly adhere to all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (social distancing, avoiding social gatherings, face mask use, hand hygiene, etc.) for a full 14 days after last potential exposure or high-risk travel. Any person who develops symptoms should immediately isolate and seek testing.
  - Organizations serving vulnerable populations or congregate living settings that are high-risk for transmission (e.g., long-term care facilities, jails/prisons, etc.) should consider maintaining a 14 day quarantine for residents and staff to minimize risk of transmission in their facilities.
The required quarantine period is now 10 days (decreased from 14 days) starting from the last day of exposure to an infectious person or last day of travel outside of New England.

Organizations serving vulnerable populations or congregate living settings at high risk for transmission (e.g., LTCFs, jails/prisons, etc.) should maintain a 14 day quarantine for residents/staff.

There is some residual risk of developing & transmitting COVID-19 from days 10-14 (COVID-19 incubation period is still up to 14 days).

Any person who ends quarantine after 10 days must still monitor themselves daily for symptoms of COVID-19 and strictly adhere to mitigation measures (social distancing, mask use, avoiding social gatherings, hand hygiene) for a full 14 days after last potential exposure or travel.
NH Updated Quarantine Guidance (2)

• “Test-out” of quarantine after 7 days is only an option in the following situations:
  – There continues to be a 7-day “test-out” option for travel quarantine (this was in-place before the quarantine update)
  – Critical infrastructure businesses (e.g., healthcare, schools, etc.) that are experiencing significant staff shortages from employees being out on quarantine resulting in an inability to maintain operations may implement a 7-day test-out of quarantine option for “essential workers”
NH Updated Quarantine Guidance (3)

• Requirements for ending quarantine after 7 days with a test:
  – An appropriate respiratory specimen is collected on days 6-7 of quarantine (within 48 hours prior to ending quarantine)
  – Specimen is tested for SARS-CoV-2 by a molecular test (e.g., PCR-based); antigen testing is not acceptable for this purpose
  – Test is negative
  – Person remains asymptomatic
  – Person conducts daily self-monitoring for symptoms for a full 14 days after last potential exposure or travel
  – Person strictly adheres to all recommended mitigation measures (social distancing, avoiding social gatherings, face mask use, hand hygiene, etc.) for a full 14 days after last potential exposure or travel
When to Start Quarantine (Unchanged)

• A person exposed to COVID-19 begins the 10-day "quarantine" period starting after the last day of exposure to the person with COVID-19 (last day of exposure is day 0... day 1 of quarantine starts the following day)

• A person with COVID-19 is considered infectious starting 2 days before the onset of their symptoms until about 10 days after start of symptoms (or 2 days before the date a positive specimen was collected until 10 days after, if person remains asymptomatic)

• If a person develops COVID-19 and is NOT able to effectively isolate from others in the home, then household contacts begin their 10-day quarantine count-down starting after day 10 of the person’s infectious period (minimum of 20 days staying at home)
New Schools Dashboard

Community Level Transmission Metrics (Statewide)

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<th>Level of Transmission</th>
<th>New Cases per 100k over 14 days</th>
<th>New Hosp per 100k over 14 days</th>
<th>7-Day Total Test Positivity Rate</th>
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<td>Substantial</td>
<td>613.1</td>
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School Associated Case Data (Current School Year)

Search by School District (K-12 Schools Only) | Search by School Town

Data as of: 12/8/2020
## School Level Data

### Memorial School (Bedford)

55 Old Bedford Rd.
Bedford NH 03110-5929

### Current Instructional Model

Mostly Hybrid (part-time in-person)

### School Details

- **Ownership:** Public
- **School Level:** Elementary
- **School District:** Bedford
- **SAU:** 25

### Confirmed COVID-19 Case Details

- **Total Active Cases:** 0
- **Total Recovered Cases:** 6
- **Current Number of Clusters:** 0
- **Current Outbreak:** No
- **Last Case Reported:** 11/28/2020

### Level of School Impact

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### Self-Reported School Policy Informatio

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Why isn’t my information correct?

• Schools dashboard has two sources of info:
  o Case counts / cluster info from DHHS contact tracing
  o Policy / staffing / absenteeism from web survey

• Schools can update the web survey themselves

• Case count discrepancies can be due to:
  o The dashboard only includes students who are in-person
  o The lab result was never reported to DHHS
  o The lab result was reported but we don’t know the person is associated with the school
    • Families not returning our phone calls
    • Adult (e.g. staff) cases that are no investigated by DHHS
  o Delay in entering the school association in our tracking system

• Solutions: Bi-directional communication
Vaccine Planning Update

- Pfizer vaccine expected in NH week of Dec 14th
  - EUA approval and ACIP recommendations expected end of this week
  - 12,675 doses of vaccine allocated to NH for week 1
  - Will go to hospitals and LTCF

- Moderna vaccine expected in NH week of Dec 21st

- Weekly allocations thereafter

- Health Alert Message planned for later this week
# Vaccine Allocation Plan

**Subject to Change!**

## Phase 1

**Phase 1a “Jumpstart Phase”**
- High-risk health workers
- First Responders
- Older adults living in residential care settings (e.g. LTCF)

**Phase 1b**
- People of all ages with comorbid and underlying conditions that put them at significantly higher risk
- Other older adults living in congregate or overcrowded settings.

## Phase 2

- K-12 teachers and school staff and childcare workers
- Workers in industries essential to functioning of society and at substantially higher risk of exposure
- People of all ages with comorbid and underlying conditions that put them at moderately higher risk
- People in homeless shelters or group homes for individuals with disabilities, including serious mental illness, developmental and intellectual disabilities or in recovery, and staff who work in such settings
- People in correctional facilities, and staff who work in such settings
- All older adults not in Phase 1

## Phase 3

- Young adults
- Children
- Workers in industries and occupations important to the functioning of society and at increased risk of exposure not included in Phase 1 or 2

## Phase 4

- Everyone residing in the United States who did not have access to the vaccine in previous phases

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**Equity is a crosscutting consideration**

In each population group, vaccine access should be prioritized for geographic areas identified through CDC or New Hampshire's Social Vulnerability Index or another more specific index.
Phase 1a

**At-Risk Health Workers**

**Most risk:** Front line clinical staff who provide direct patient care and support staff with risk of exposure to bodily fluids or aerosols.

**Moderate risk:** Staff who have indirect or limited patient contact.

**Older Adults in Residential Care Settings**

Residents of long term care facilities (LTCF), skilled nursing (SNF), and assisted living facilities (ALF).

**First Responders**

**Fire and EMS:** All private, public, and volunteer fire and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel.

**Law Enforcement:** All certified or sworn law enforcement officers in NH, whether employed full- or part-time.* Includes Federal law enforcement not covered by federal allocation.

**COVID-19 Responders:** Personnel with the NH COVID response with potential patient (or SARS-CoV2) contact, including laboratorians and specimen collection personnel.

*Does not include officers working in correctional facilities, which are included in a later phase.*
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