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**Weekly Pease Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program Update**

Community Engagement:

- The City of Portsmouth is setting up a Community Advisory Board, which will be independent of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This group will serve to give feedback and recommendations about the PFC blood testing program.
- NH DHHS has a twitter account where we will send out periodic updates along with this weekly update. The NH DHHS Public Information Twitter account is: @NHDHHSPIO.

Testing Process:

- As of Friday May 1, 2015, a total of 457 persons have indicated interest in blood testing for PFCs; this includes 320 adults and 120 children.
- Information packets with questionnaires and consent forms have been mailed to a total of 397 families (multiple people can be in a family). DHHS has received back 277 questionnaires and consent forms as of Friday May 1, 2015.
- Portsmouth Hospital phlebotomy facilities:
  - **Adults** with DHHS issued requisition forms and labels should go to the Portsmouth Regional Hospital blood draw facility on the Pease Tradeport (located at 26 Manchester Square, Portsmouth, NH) to get their blood drawn, Monday – Friday, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm (no appointment necessary).
  - **Children** with DHHS issued requisition forms and labels should go to the Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Jackson Gray Medical Building (located at 330 Borthwick Avenue, 1st floor Suite 112, Portsmouth, NH) to get their blood drawn, Monday – Friday, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm (no appointment necessary).
- As of Friday May 1, 2015, the NH DHHS lab has received 133 blood specimens. We are in process of shipping the first couple batches of blood specimens to the testing lab.
- All requests must be received by May 29, 2015 to assure timely processing and reporting.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- There are no meetings scheduled for this time.
- Please visit the DHHS website more information and other updates at:  
<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/investigation-pease.htm>

Any persons with questions about the testing program can call the DHHS Public Inquiry line Monday – Friday, 8am–4pm, at 603-271-9461.