

**Laconia School Board
COVID-19 Data/Xmas
Vacation**

**Laconia School District
December 1, 2020**

Overview

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City, County, and State COVID-19 Data

TOTAL CURRENT COVID-19 CASES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AS OF 11/25/2020

(n = 4293)

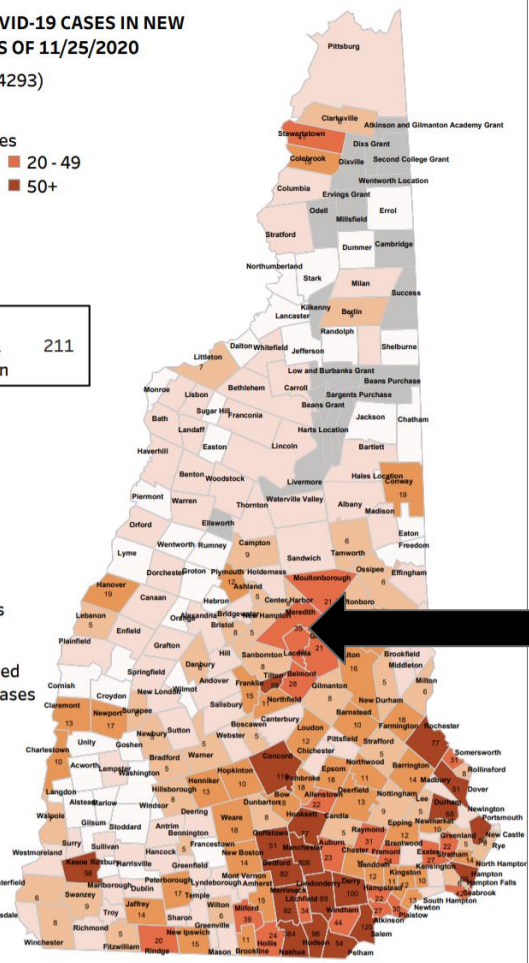
Current Positives

- Not Shown* ■ 20 - 49
- 0 ■ 50+
- 1 - 4**
- 5 - 9
- 10 - 19

Cases under investigation, town unknown 211

*Positive case counts are suppressed in municipalities with under 100 residents.

**Exact counts are suppressed for municipalities with 1-4 cases



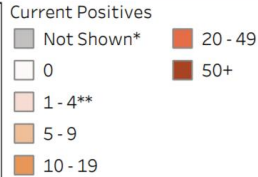
Current Cases: NH Towns and Cities

- Laconia Current Cases
- October 12: 5
 - October 20: 15
 - November 3: 15
 - November 16: 34
 - November 25: 40
- (Source, NH-DHHS)

COVID-19 IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
CURRENT POSITIVE CASES
AS OF 11/25/2020
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Geographic Distribution* of Current Cases		Infections	
		Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	237	5.5%
Carroll	Total	90	2.1%
Cheshire	Total	144	3.4%
Coos	Total	86	2.0%
Grafton	Total	102	2.4%
Hillsborough	Manchester	809	18.8%
	Nashua	384	8.9%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	601	14.0%
	Total	1,794	41.8%
Merrimack	Total	383	8.9%
Rockingham	Total	903	21.0%
Strafford	Total	294	6.8%
Sullivan	Total	49	1.1%
Unknown	Total	211	4.9%
Grand Total		4,293	100.0%

Data as of: 11/25/2020

Current Cases: NH Counties

Belknap County:

- October 14: 28 (3.8% of NH)
- October 19: 28 (2.7% of NH)
- November 3: 52 (3.6% of NH)
- November 16: 147 (4.4%)
- November 25: 237 (5.5%)

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- October 14: 738
- October 19: 1020
- November 3: 1450
- November 16: 3344
- November 25: 4293

Decision-Making Guidance

Community Transmission Guidance

Criteria	Level of Community Transmission		
	Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
COVID-19 PCR test positivity as a 7 day average	< 5% 4.9% in Belknap County (up from 1.4% on Nov. 4)	5 – 10% 6.3% in Belknap County (up from 4.9% on Nov. 17)	>10%
Number of new infections per 100,000 population over prior 14 days	< 50	50-100	>100 512.9 in Belknap County (up from 273.7 on Nov. 17)
Number of new hospitalizations per 100,000 people over the prior 14 days	< 10 1.6 in Belknap County (No change since November 17)	10-20	>20

Determining Level of COVID-19 School Impact

Criteria	Level of School Impact		
	Low	Medium	High
Transmission in the school facility	Zero or sporadic cases with no evidence of transmission within the school setting	One cluster* in the school	Two or more unrelated clusters* in the school with onset (based on source case symptom onset dates) within 14 days of each other
Student absenteeism due to illness	<15% Rates in Laconia schools still range between 9 and 20% (November 4th - 4-14%)	15-30%	>30%
Staff capacity to conduct classes and school operations †	Normal (except Grade 8 at LMS)	Strained	Critical

* A cluster is defined as 3 or more individuals confirmed with COVID-19 who are part of a related group of individuals (e.g., classroom) who had the potential to transmit infection to each other through close contact.

† This subjective assessment should factor in a school's ability to maintain adequate staff for facility operations, transportation, teaching, and administrative functions.

NH-DHHS Notes: Using the Decision-Making Matrix

Intended Use of the Decision Matrix (NH-DHHS)

- *Not intended to direct schools how to re-open*
- ***Schools will make decisions throughout the school year based on what is happening in their communities and local schools***
- *This is intended to serve as a guide for schools to highlight what metrics we suggest schools/SAUs monitor*
- *Ultimately decisions on school instructional models is up to the local SAUs and school boards*
- *Public health will continue to investigate and provide recommendations based on cases in schools and specific situation*

Source: “New Hampshire Coronavirus Disease 2019 Weekly Call for School Partners” with Dr. Ben Chan, Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Dr. Beth Daly (23 October 2020). See this link:
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/school-call-presentation10282020.pdf>.

Additional Comments: NH-DHHS

- *If a school is already in full in-person learning when their community level of transmission hits “substantial”, as long as the school is at “low” impact, they can reasonably hold course*
- *If a school is in full remote learning, if their community level of transmission is “minimal” or “moderate” or “substantial”, they can transition back to in-person learning (hybrid, possibly full in person)*
- *If a school is in full in-person learning in a community with “moderate” levels of transmission, if they have an identified cluster (decision matrix suggests “hybrid” instructional model), the school could reasonably make an argument for temporary full remote learning for a couple weeks instead*
- *These are guidelines, but the real-life decisions will be made based on local situation and context*

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Decision Matrix for Transitioning Between Methods of Instruction

		Level of Community Transmission		
		Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Level of School Impact	Low	In-Person	In-Person	Hybrid
	Medium	In-Person	Hybrid	Remote
	High	Hybrid*	Remote	Remote

** Depending on the level of COVID-19 transmission in the school and outbreak status, public health may recommend temporary closure of school and remote learning for a short period of time to control transmission before re-opening in a hybrid instructional model.*

[See the Community Level Transmission Metrics for Belknap County at NH-DHHS](#)

**2020-21 Calendar - Christmas Vacation
Possible Scenarios**

2020-21 Calendar - Current

December					
	M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3	4
17	7	8	9	10	11
<i>Days</i>	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	X	X
	X	X	X	X	
January					
	M	T	W	T	F
					X
18	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Days</i>	11	12	13	14	15
	X	19	20	21	(22)
	25	26	27	28	29

2020-21 Calendar

Possible Christmas Travel Revision #1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24 VACATION	Dec 25 VACATION	Dec 26
Dec 27	Dec 28 VACATION	Dec 29 VACATION	Dec 30 VACATION	Dec 31 VACATION	Jan 1 VACATION	Jan 2
Jan 3	Jan 4 REMOTE	Jan 5 REMOTE	Jan 6 REMOTE	Jan 7 REMOTE	Jan 8 REMOTE	Jan 9
Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15	Jan 16

Travel window: 4 days
(December 24 to December 27)

With one (1) week of remote learning:
14 day quarantine window:
December 28 to January 10

2020-21 Calendar

Possible Christmas Travel Revision #2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24 VACATION	Dec 25 VACATION	Dec 26
Dec 27	Dec 28 VACATION	Dec 29 VACATION	Dec 30 VACATION	Dec 31 VACATION	Jan 1 VACATION	Jan 2
Jan 3	Jan 4 REMOTE	Jan 5 REMOTE	Jan 6 REMOTE	Jan 7 REMOTE	Jan 8 REMOTE	Jan 9
Jan 10	Jan 11 REMOTE	Jan 12 REMOTE	Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15	Jan 16

Travel window: 6 days
(December 24 to December 29)

With one (1) week and two (2) days of remote learning:
14 day quarantine window:
December 30 to January 12

2020-21 Calendar

Possible Christmas Travel Revision #3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24 VACATION	Dec 25 VACATION	Dec 26
Dec 27	Dec 28 VACATION	Dec 29 VACATION	Dec 30 VACATION	Dec 31 VACATION	Jan 1 VACATION	Jan 2
Jan 3	Jan 4 REMOTE	Jan 5 REMOTE	Jan 6 REMOTE	Jan 7 REMOTE	Jan 8 REMOTE	Jan 9
Jan 10	Jan 11 REMOTE	Jan 12 REMOTE	Jan 13 REMOTE	Jan 14 REMOTE	Jan 15 REMOTE	Jan 16
Jan 17	Jan 18 MLK Day	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22	Jan 23

Travel window: 10 days
(December 24 to January 2)

With two (2) weeks of remote learning:
14 day quarantine window:
January 3 to January 18

Calendar Considerations

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1. Staff, students and families
2. Trend lines of COVID-19 data in the city, county, and the state
3. Travel
4. School operations
5. Other school districts in the region and the state
6. Huot Culinary Arts Center