

Laconia School Board Phase-In Update

**Laconia School District
November 17, 2020**

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City, County, and State COVID-19 Data

TOTAL CURRENT COVID-19 CASES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AS OF 11/16/2020

(n= 3344)

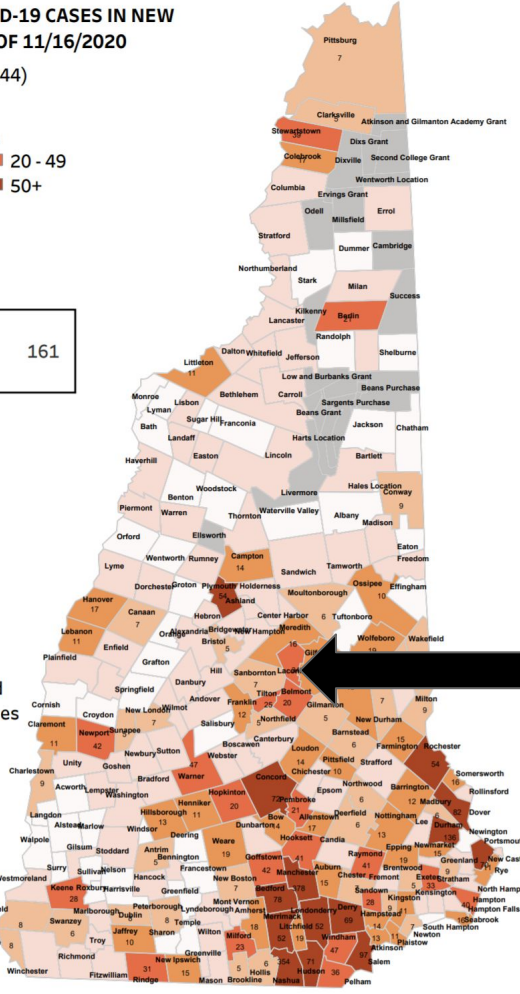
Current Positives

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

Cases under investigation, town unknown 161

*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

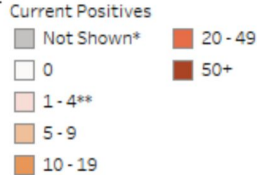
- Laconia Current Cases
- October 12: 5
 - October 20: 15
 - November 3: 15
 - November 16: 34

(Source, NH-DHHS)

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CURRENT POSITIVE CASES
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Geographic Distribution* of Current Cases		Infections	
		Persons	% of Total
Belknap	Total	147	4.4%
Carroll	Total	62	1.9%
Cheshire	Total	114	3.4%
Coos	Total	107	3.2%
Grafton	Total	150	4.5%
Hillsborough	Manchester	378	11.3%
	Nashua	354	10.6%
	Outside Manchester and Nashua	436	13.0%
	Total	1,168	34.9%
Merrimack	Total	320	9.6%
Rockingham	Total	690	20.6%
Strafford	Total	346	10.3%
Sullivan	Total	79	2.4%
Unknown	Total	161	4.8%
Grand Total		3,344	100.0%

Data as of: 11/16/2020

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%)

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

School Impact Data

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Quarter 1 Students Sent and Stayed Home Due to Symptoms

- Elm Street School - 121
- Pleasant Street School - 81
- Woodland Heights School - 126
- Laconia Middle School - 135
- Laconia High School - 213

Type of symptoms reported:

- Shortness of breath/ Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle / Body ache
- Headache
- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Congestion / Runny nose
- Diarrhea
- Nausea / Vomiting
- New loss of taste or Smell

School Impact Data (cont.)

Quarter 1 Quarantined Students and Staff Due to Close Contact

- Elm Street School - 7
- Pleasant Street School - 16
- Woodland Heights School - 9
- Laconia Middle School - 9
- Laconia High School - 58



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School Impact Data (cont.)

Current Number of Students in Quarantine

- Elm Street School - 1
- Pleasant Street School - 6
- Woodland Heights School - 11
- Laconia Middle School - 7
- Laconia High School - 48



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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%	>10%
Number of new infections per 100,000 population over prior 14 days	< 50	50-100	>100 273.7 in Belknap County (up from 101.6 on Nov. 4)
Number of new hospitalizations per 100,000 people over the prior 14 days	< 10 1.6 in Belknap County (down from 1.6 on Nov. 4)	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 at LHS)	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](#)

Four Instructional Models

1. Full face-to-face
2. Phase-in
3. Hybrid
4. Remote



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Phasing-In Update

1. Elementary: K-5 are all in as of November 16
2. Middle: 6-8 are all in as of November 12
3. High: 9-12 are all in as of November 2
4. Huot has been open to all sending schools since October 5

2020-21 Calendar Considerations

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

Recommendations

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1. Shift the Laconia School District to hybrid (red and white days) through to Christmas Vacation.
2. Continue to review COVID-19 and school impact data and reassess what instructional mode to shift to, if any, in January.
3. Start the hybrid schedule on Monday, November 23.
4. LHS would stay remote until November 30th.
5. Return to school from Christmas Vacation in remote.
6. Continue with winter sports through the break as scheduled providing that players and coaches adhere to protocols and guidelines.