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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 18, 2020

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update for March 18, 2020, on the new coronavirus, COVID-19. DHHS will continue to issue COVID-19 updates each day to provide media and the public with current information about the State's efforts.

What's New

- **New Positive Cases of COVID-19 in New Hampshire**

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, DHHS announced 13 new positive test results for COVID-19. The new cases are all in adults, including six males and seven females. Persons are from the counties of Hillsborough (4), Rockingham (3), Carroll (3), Belknap (2), and Merrimack (1); the four individuals from Hillsborough County all reside in Manchester. New individuals from Carroll and Merrimack counties have no identified risk factors, indicating additional areas in New Hampshire experiencing community-based transmission of COVID-19. Community-based transmission has been identified in the following counties: Rockingham, Grafton, Merrimack, and Carroll. There have been 39 total cases of COVID-19 identified in New Hampshire. Two patients are hospitalized and they are in stable condition; the remaining people are isolating at home.

- **Governor Sununu Issues Three Emergency Orders to Provide Relief**

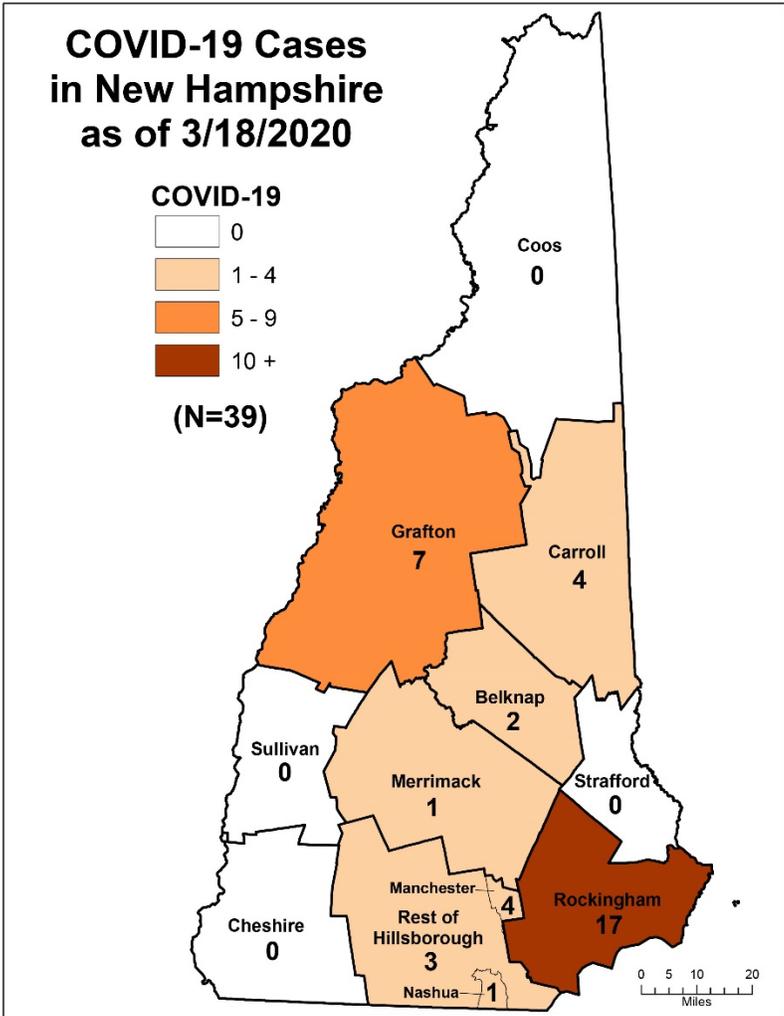
On March 18, Governor Sununu issued Emergency Orders 6, 7, and 8, as part of the state's efforts to respond to COVID-19.

Emergency Order #6: Temporary authorization for take-out or delivery beer or wine. All restaurants, diners, bars, saloons, private clubs or any other establishment that have both a restaurant license and on premise license from the New Hampshire liquor commission shall be temporarily authorized to allow for takeout or delivery of beer or wine.

Emergency Order #7: Temporary modification of data and privacy governance plans.

Emergency Order #8: Temporary expansion of access to Telehealth Services to protect the public and health care providers.

Current Situation in New Hampshire



**New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report
(updated March 18, 2020, 9:00 AM)**

NH Persons with COVID-19 ₁	39
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₂	231
Total Persons Tested at NH PHL ₃	891
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	550

₁Includes specimens presumptive-positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

₂Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL). Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

₃Includes specimens sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

Previous Updates

- New Positive Cases of COVID-19 in New Hampshire
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[NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive](#)

For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at www.nh.gov/covid19.

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