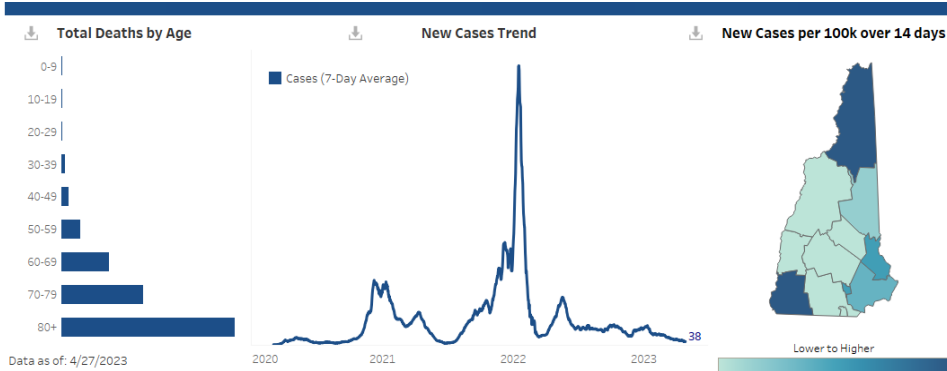
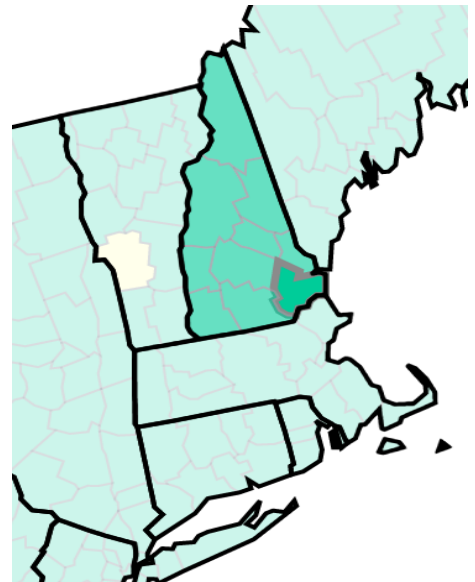


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The most recent NHDHHS from Apr 27 reports a 29% decrease in the number of cases for the prior 7 days: <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/> Also as of Apr 20, CDC classifies all of New England except part of VT and 98% of the US as “LOW RISK.” (Maps at right.) Go to: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=New+Hampshire&data-type=CommunityLevels&null=&list_select_county=33015

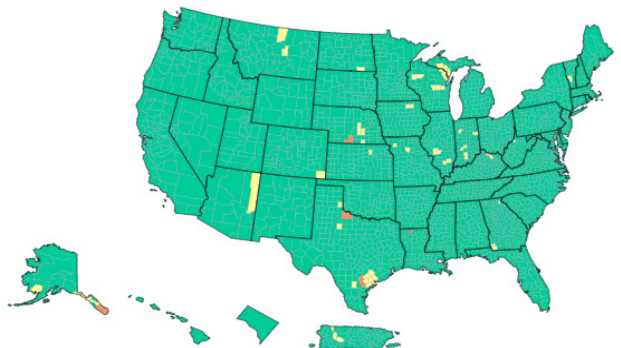


ON-SITE MEDICAL OFFERS FREE TELEHEALTH CONSULTATIONS

-- Those who test positive for COVID-19 but experience delays in being seen by their PCP, or other medical professional (possibly losing the effectiveness window for some treatments that could be helpful) can call 1-800-816-5803 or log onto the On-Site Medical website: <https://www.on-sitemed-services.com/> The telehealth appointment can also include prescribing any needed medication/treatments.

NH DHHS CONTINUES TO FOLLOW CDC GUIDANCE UPDATED APR 19: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2023/s0419-covid-vaccines.html> The CDC's now recommends:

- Those age 6-64 who already completed an updated mRNA vaccine series do not need to take any action.
- Those age 65+ or who are immunocompromised should receive an additional updated vaccine booster dose.
- Everyone age 6+ should be vaccinated against COVID-19 and will now receive the updated vaccine.
- Young children should also be vaccinated with doses that vary by age and vaccine.



COVID-19 NOT “JUST A BAD FLU” -- NHDHHS reported on Apr 13 that a study between October 2022 and January 2023 of 9,000 patients in the VA system showed that COVID-19 was 61% deadlier than flu, with a 3.7% mortality rate. Long Covid remains a serious threat from COVID-19 -- 14.8% in US and 14.3% in NH are affected. NH DHHS reported 6 deaths from COVID-19 over the past week.

TICK SEASON UNDERWAY -- The CDC is concerned about a new parasitic disease carried by deer ticks. In addition to Lyme Disease with symptoms including chills, fever and muscle aches, this disease, babesiosis presents symptoms including nausea, fatigue, fever and loss of appetite. The best protection is to wear long sleeves, avoid habitats with dry leaves and long grass and use bug spray.

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH MOSQUITO CONTROL MONITORING

The City of Portsmouth's Mosquito Control Program began monitoring on April 10. Crews from Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc., the City's contracted service, are checking swamps, salt marshes, woodland pools, ditches, catch basins and other shallow, stagnant water for mosquito larvae. When mosquito larvae are found, treatment may occur but citywide night-time road spraying for adult mosquitoes is not planned. Residents who do not want their property treated can sign up with the No-Spray Registry at www.DragonMosquito.com/No-Spray-Registry or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc., PO Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. When writing, residents should be sure to include name, physical address, phone number, the color of the house and acreage or road frontage. For more information call 603.734.4144 or email Help@DragonMosquito.com.



FREE RADON TEST KITS – NH DHHS is offering NH residents free kits from Alpha Energy Laboratories, the radon lab contracted by the NH Radon program. For more information about radon and its health risks, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/3fsra9st> To receive a kit go to: <https://states.aelabs.com/#/nh>