# Stay at Home 2.0 The Role of the Health Officer

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### Agenda

- Introduction and Logistics Matt
- 2. Overview of How COVID-19 Spreads Matt
- 3. Review of the Stay at Home 2.0 Trish
- 4. Review Timeline for Re-Opening Trish
- 5. Using the Universal Guidance for NH Employers Sophia
- 6. Understanding the Role of the Health Officer Sophia
- 7. Open Discussion All participants



### How COVID-19 Spreads

### Direct Exposure via Person-to-Person and Droplets

- The primary route of exposure
- While in close contact with one another (i.e. within 6' and no protection).
- Via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- Droplets enter the body via landing on the mouth, nose, or eyes of people who are nearby
- Or possibly inhaled into lungs.
- Via infected people w no symptoms

# **Indirect Exposure via Contaminated Surfaces**

- A secondary route
- Not the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about this virus.
- Touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes.





# New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu



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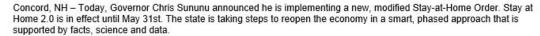
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#### Governor Chris Sununu Announces Stay at Home 2.0



Each of the decisions and guidance documents below have been reviewed by State Epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan and his team at the New Hampshire's Public Health Department.

"The people of New Hampshire have taken this epidemic incredibly seriously," said Governor Chris Sununu. "We have all played a small part in flattening the curve and slowing the spread of COVID19. We all know you are healthier at home, and that continues to be true, but we are also taking steps to reopen our economy in a smart, step-by-step approach that is supported by facts, science and data."

Universal Guidance is being issued for any business that is currently open, or will soon be opening, under these next steps. This universal guidance will serve as the bare minimum standards which businesses must meet to maintain or begin operations. For specific industries with specific operational procedures, industry specific guidance for certain sectors can be found below.

All applicable industries are able to start opening up in incremental phases as determined by Public Health.

Universal Guidance

#### Industries that can continue to operate with new, modified guidance:

- Public and Private Campgrounds Guidance
- New Hampshire State Park Guidance
- Manufacturing Guidance

Industries that can begin to phase-in services on May 4, 2020:

· Certain Health Care Services Guidance

Industries that begin to phase-in, or expand services on May 11, 2020:



## Timeline for Re-Opening

Applicable industries are able open in incremental phases as described below

Date	Industry
As of May 1st	<ul><li>Public and Private Campgrounds</li><li>New Hampshire State Park</li><li>Manufacturing</li></ul>
May 4th	Certain Health Care Services Guidance
May 11th	<ul> <li>Retail Store</li> <li>Drive-in Movie Theater</li> <li>Public and Private Golf Course</li> <li>Barbers and Hair Salon</li> </ul>
May 18th	• Restaurants

Information on Industry Specific Guidance can be found here: <a href="https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/press-2020/20200501-stay-at-home.htm">https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/press-2020/20200501-stay-at-home.htm</a>



# Universal Guidance for All New Hampshire Employers and Employees

- WHAT is it: Bare minimum standards businesses must meet to maintain or begin operations
- **WHO** does it apply to: Businesses currently open or soon to be
- **WHEN** does it go into effect: Immediately, as of May 1<sup>st</sup>
- **WHY:** Developed to 1) reduce transmission among employees and customers; 2) maintain healthy business operations; and 3) maintain a healthy work environment.



# Universal Guidance for All New Hampshire Employers and Employees

- Develop a process for screening all employees
- Promote frequent hand hygiene and alcoholbased hand sanitizer
- Implement workplace cleaning and disinfection practices
- Require all employees who are sick or not feeling well to stay home, and employees must notify their supervisor by phone
- Employees should wear a cloth face covering
- Employees should practice social distancing



### The Role of the Health Officer

- Know the Law
- Respond to Complaints
- Assess the Risk
- Reduce Droplet
   Transmission
- Educate

- Work with law enforcement
  - Enforcement measures should be a last resort



### Your Resources

- DPHS HOLU's Weekly Webinar Series
- Guidance Compliance Checklists
- Listserv Messages
- Governor's Executive Orders

<a href="https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/orders-2020/index.htm">https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/orders-2020/index.htm</a>

Stay-At-Home 2.0 Guidance

https://www.governor.nh.gov/newsmedia/press-2020/20200501-stay-athome.htm

- Weekly EOC Call for Locals
  - Participant Dial-In 800-356-8278
  - Code: 985396
- EOC Call Center
  - -(603)-271-2231
- DPHS HOLU Unit:
  - healthofficer@dhhs.nh.gov
  - **–** (603)-271-4072



## **Open Discussion**

We want to hear your feedback!



### Today's Education Goals

- Review modes of transmission of COVID-19
- Review the timeline of the phased approach to the economic re-opening
- Understand new guidelines, Stay-At-Home 2.0
- Define the role of the Health Officer in the reopening process
- Identify what resources available to you to help in your local response
- Learn what Health Officers want and need