

## COVID-19 Response Team Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2021

**Members Present:** Sue Rubbe, Lester Brent, Kelly Avery, Jacqui McGettigan, Tim Paquette and Fire Chief Steve Heath

Absent with notice: Mary Moriarty

1. **Review of November 19, 2021 minutes:** Corrections noted and minutes will be updated.
2. **Review Confirmed Case Tool:** The COVID-19 Response Team reviewed the two Confirmed Case Tools. There are currently four positive cases but they do not reflect in school transmission. Mrs. Rubbe is going to follow up with DHHS to determine if this would be considered a cluster.
3. **Change in Level from Orange to Red:** The COVID-19 Response Team discussed benchmarks we would use to support a change in response level from Orange to Red. One suggestion was to consider a move from mixed classrooms to cohorts after Christmas. It was noted that this would work well in K-5, but not in 6-8. It would require a new lunch schedule as students currently teach by Team and not by cohort. One team member asked if it made sense to move to cohorts, but then move forward with Winter Rec mixed groups. (Cohorts would be mixed on the bus to PSU and Waterville Valley.) The COVID -19 Response Team will revisit this topic at its next meeting.
4. **Winter Recreation Bus Seating:** This item was tabled until we have the final winter recreation student choice totals. Bus information should be available at the next meeting.
5. **Basketball:** Please refer to the Basketball COVID-19 Protocols attached to these minutes.
6. **Pre-school students who receive services at AES:** One Team member asked about how Preschool students who receive services in the building are notified of active cases in the building. (They are not currently entered into our Student Information System so do not receive the all parent emails) The Team recommended that we add them to the SIS so they can receive the info as well. Mrs. McGettigan will follow up with the Special Education Case Managers to get the registration info and enter the information into ALMA.
7. **Home Test Kits:** Mrs. Rubbe shared that during a recent meeting with Dr. Chan, he indicated that schools can accept the results of a Home Test Kit. Some schools are accepting the positive results, but request additional follow up testing with a negative result. When the tests are available for distribution in the school, a test kit can be sent home with a symptomatic student or staff member. The COVID-19 Response Team recommended the following guidelines:
  - If test is negative with symptoms resolving the person can return to school
  - If test is negative with symptoms continuing, the person should stay home and seek additional guidance from an MD.
8. **Next meeting:** The next COVID-19 Response Team meeting will take place on Friday, December 10, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqui McGettigan  
Office Manager

21-22 Basketball Season  
Covid-19 Protocols  
as of December 3, 2021

School	Protocols
Ashland	Fully masked-everyone
Holderness	Fully masked-everyone
Wentworth	Masks optional for players and spectators
Campton	Masks require within 5 feet?
Rumney	Masks optional for students, strongly recommended for everyone else
Thornton ***	Masks for spectators, Masks on the bench No masks on the court
Plymouth	Masks recommended, not required

\*\*\* Thornton is waiting for approval for everyone to wear masks when AES comes to play. We will know more next week!

We will not be playing PES at Plymouth. 12/03/21

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**COVID-19 Decision Making Tool  
Ashland Elementary School**

<b>Current Mitigation Response Level as of November 19, 2021</b>	Blue—Low transmission	Yellow—Moderate Transmission	<b>Orange-- Substantial Transmission</b>	Red High Transmission
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**Date: December 3, 2021**

**Local & Statewide COVID - 19 Data Review**

Active Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in School	<b>4</b>
Active Cluster of Cases in School	<b>0 (confirmed with DHHS)</b>
Active Outbreak of Cases in School	<b>0 (Confirmed with DHHS)</b>
Number of Pending Known COVID-19 Tests	<b>Unknown at this time</b>
Number of Quarantines	<b>3</b>
Number of Isolations	<b>4</b>
Number of Active Cases in Ashland Last Week	<b>9 Active Cases</b>
Number of Active Cases in Ashland	<b>15 Active Cases as of 11/30/2021</b>
Grafton County Transmission Level	<b>High Community Transmission/RED</b>
Data Summary	Highest recorded number for Ashland. AES currently has four positive cases.

**Decision Point:**  
**Does the data review warrant a change in response level?**  
**No—all in agreement**

<b>Attendance</b> <b>Are staff absences impacting the ability to effectively supervise students?</b> <b>Are staff absences impacting the ability to effectively provide learning opportunities?</b> <b>Are student absences impacting the ability to learn effectively?</b>	
Staff	<b>No</b>
Students	<b>No</b>
<b>Decision Point:</b> <b>Does the data/information on absences warrant a change in response level?</b> <b>No—All in agreement</b>	
<b>Cleaning Supplies</b>	
Status of availability of materials & staff to clean for the next two weeks	<b>Good</b>
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Disposable Masks, Gloves, Disposable Shields/Drapes	<b>Good</b>
<b>Decision Point:</b> <b>Do the current conditions for cleaning warrant a change in response level?</b> <b>No—All in agreement</b>	
<b>Mitigation Efforts</b>	
Face Coverings	<b>Good</b>
Physical Distancing	<b>Good/Still working on MT transitions</b>
Hand Washing	<b>Good</b>
Limited Illness at School	<b>Good</b>
<b>Decision Point:</b> <b>Does the level of compliance with mitigation efforts warrant a change in response level?</b> <b>No—all in agreement</b>	

**Mitigation Response Level based on transmission levels in the community and the county**

**Recommended Decision Date: December 3, 2021**

**Anticipated Recommended Response Level for Next Week**

**ORANGE +**

**Anticipated Recommended Response Level for Next Four Weeks**




**TBD**

# COVID-19 in New Hampshire: Cumulative New Cases

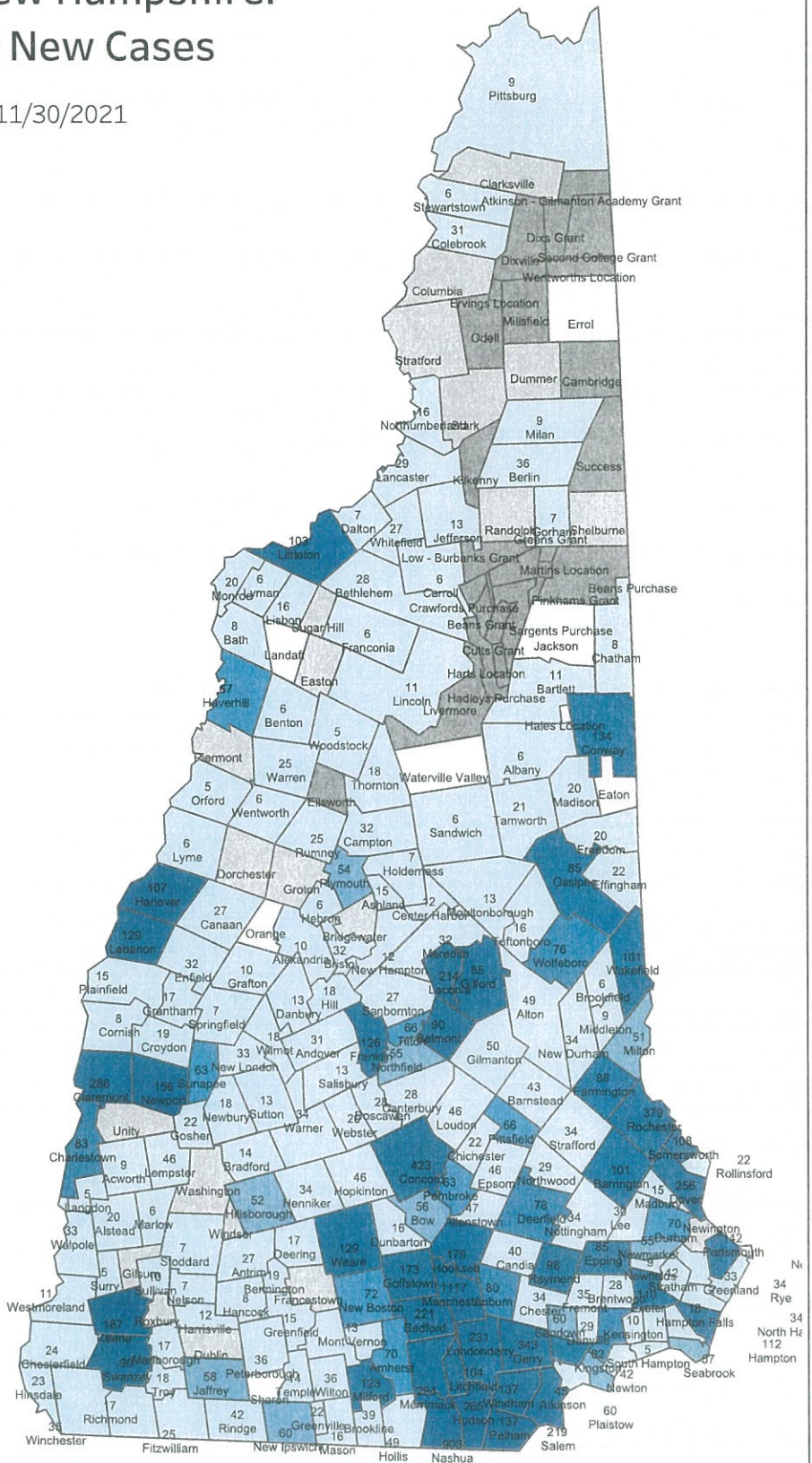
11/17/2021 - 11/30/2021

Cumulative New Cases:  
13726

Total Unknowns:  
0

-  0 New Cases (Last 14 Days)
-  Data not available for areas with less than a population of 100. Town metrics not available for ICU, Hospitalization, or Death data.
-  For towns with metric counts between 1-4, data limited to protect the privacy of individuals.

Lower to Higher



Data as of: 12/1/2021