

NHDOC COVID-19: A Snapshot of Prevention Initiatives





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Operational Adjustments

Necessary transfers to NHDOC facilities are put in a transfer quarantine, offered testing and triaged by healthcare staff

Behavioral health, education and other services continue to be provided by using cohorting

Anyone entering the facilities continue to be screened, which includes a temperature check

Surgical masks must be worn by all staff in the facilities

Cohorting and social distancing measures are still in place

Residents with any COVID-19 symptoms incentivized to attend sick-call by suspending copays

Volunteer program currently at phase 2

Video visitation and non-contact visitation in place









Facility Management

Barriers remain in place to increase social distancing and oneway directional traffic Sleeping configurations remain modified and when possible, residents remain spaced to create greater social distancing in the facilities

Staff assigned to necessary transports continue to don PPE

Guidelines continue to be updated to align with current CDC and NH Public Health recommendations

Cleaning and disinfecting regimen remains elevated

Quarantine areas are still prepared in each facility should the need arise

The vaccination of staff and residents is ongoing according to the state of NH vaccine plan









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Resident Communication

Healthy Bits and Bytes, an informational newsletter for residents focused on mental health, coping techniques, stress management and vaccine information continues to be distributed via the tablet system

Attorney non-contact visitation and digital professional visits in place

Signage is printed and posted throughout facilities

Information continues to be distributed to residents' tablets for immediate communication

Collaborated with various stake holders to provide information to residents on a variety of topics

A COVID-19 specific microsite was created to deliver up to date data

Worked to distribute short, graphic and easy to digest information to the tablet system at the advise of the Resident Communication Committee (RCC)











Data & Communications

COVID-19 policy audits are also conducted at random by our **Professional Standards Division** We continue to provide information and data as requested to media as other outlets

vaccine info.

and information to the public on testing, positive cases, deaths and Welcome | NH Department of Corrections

NH Ranked number 2 in the country by the Marshall Project for fewest covid-19 cases in their prisons system.



A State-by-State Look at Coronavirus in Prisons

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STATE	TOTAL CASES ▼	PER 10,000 PRISONERS
Federal	49,324	2,866
California	49,221	4,184

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Vermont *	457	2,760
New Hampshire	457	1,878
Maine	168	786