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NH DHHS Announces Potential Community Exposures Connected to Positive Cases of COVID-19 at Restaurant in Hudson

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has identified an outbreak of COVID-19 that may have exposed patrons at Fat Katz Food and Drink, located at 76 Derry Road, Hudson, NH. The potential exposures occurred between Friday, October 2, 2020 and Friday, October 9, 2020.

DHHS has identified at least 17 cases of COVID-19 associated with this outbreak, which includes one individual who went to the establishment while aware of their COVID-19 diagnosis when they were supposed to be on isolation, and a second person who went to the establishment when they were knowingly supposed to be on quarantine, both of whom potentially exposed others.

The New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office is currently investigating multiple violations of New Hampshire Food Service guidance by the establishment.

Any individuals who visited Fat Katz Food and Drink between October 2-9, 2020 may have been exposed to COVID-19 and should seek testing. DHHS has conducted a contact investigation and notified known close contacts directly. However, DHHS is making this public notification because there may be additional individuals at the location during those days who were potentially exposed to the coronavirus.

COVID-19 can present with a wide range of symptoms including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell. Any person who develops new symptoms should stay home, limit their contact with others, immediately contact their healthcare provider and get tested for COVID-19. Guidance for self-quarantine is available at:

<https://www.nh.gov/covid19/residents/documents/self-quarantine-covid.pdf>

Whether or not you are experiencing symptoms, multiple testing options throughout the State are available to potentially exposed individuals. For persons without health insurance or a primary care provider, testing is available and can be scheduled by calling (603) 271-5980 or through completing the online form at https://business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing. Other

options can be found here: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm>.

COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities, so all people need to protect themselves and help prevent further community spread, by:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with others. When outside your home, keep a distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others. This is known as social distancing.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your mouth and nose to protect others when in public areas.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you have a fever or are not feeling well.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information on COVID-19 in NH, please visit <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>.

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