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## **NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 18, 2020**

**Concord, NH** – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update for March 18, 2020, on the new coronavirus, COVID-19. DHHS will continue to issue COVID-19 updates each day to provide media and the public with current information about the State's efforts.

### **What's New**

- **New Positive Cases of COVID-19 in New Hampshire**

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, DHHS announced 13 new positive test results for COVID-19. The new cases are all in adults, including six males and seven females. Persons are from the counties of Hillsborough (4), Rockingham (3), Carroll (3), Belknap (2), and Merrimack (1); the four individuals from Hillsborough County all reside in Manchester. New individuals from Carroll and Merrimack counties have no identified risk factors, indicating additional areas in New Hampshire experiencing community-based transmission of COVID-19. Community-based transmission has been identified in the following counties: Rockingham, Grafton, Merrimack, and Carroll. There have been 39 total cases of COVID-19 identified in New Hampshire. Two patients are hospitalized and they are in stable condition; the remaining people are isolating at home.

- **Governor Sununu Issues Three Emergency Orders to Provide Relief**

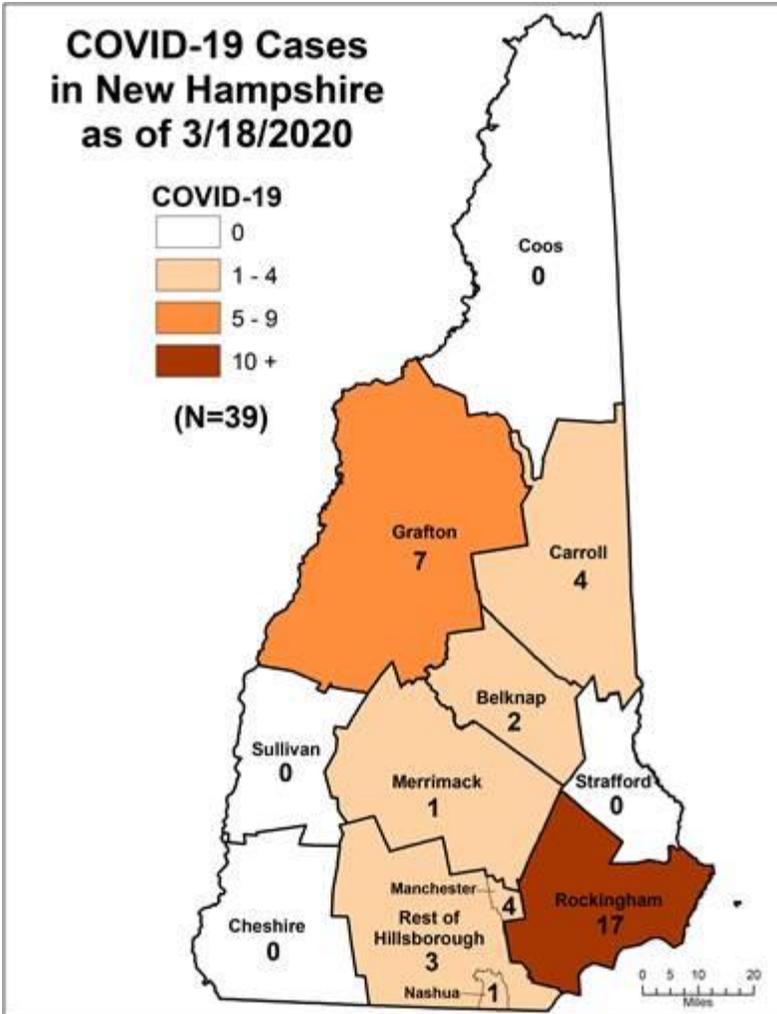
On March 18, Governor Sununu issued Emergency Orders 6, 7, and 8, as part of the state's efforts to respond to COVID-19.

**[Emergency Order #6](#)**: Temporary authorization for take-out or delivery beer or wine. All restaurants, diners, bars, saloons, private clubs or any other establishment that have both a restaurant license and on premise license from the New Hampshire liquor commission shall be temporarily authorized to allow for takeout or delivery of beer or wine.

**[Emergency Order #7](#)**: Temporary modification of data and privacy governance plans.

**[Emergency Order #8](#)**: Temporary expansion of access to Telehealth Services to protect the public and health care providers.

### **Current Situation in New Hampshire**



### New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 18, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19 <sup>1</sup>	39
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL <sup>2</sup>	231
Total Persons Tested at NH PHL <sup>3</sup>	891
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	550

<sup>1</sup>Includes specimens presumptive-positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

<sup>2</sup>Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL). Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

<sup>3</sup>Includes specimens sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

### Previous Updates

- New Positive Cases of COVID-19 in New Hampshire
- Governor Sununu Issues Three Emergency Orders To Provide Relief

[NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive](#)

For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at [www.nh.gov/covid19](http://www.nh.gov/covid19).

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