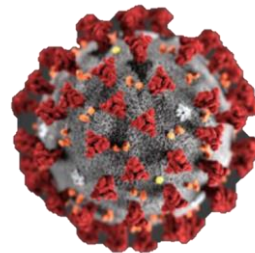


New Hampshire COVID-19 Education and Childcare Partner Call

March 16, 2022



Webinar Audience Poll

Poll Questions

- How frequently do you think the School & Child Care Partner Calls should be held for the remainder of this school year?
- How valuable do you find each of the below meeting topics? (Science/epi updates, changes to recommendations, Q&A session)
- What recommendations do you have to make these meetings more valuable?

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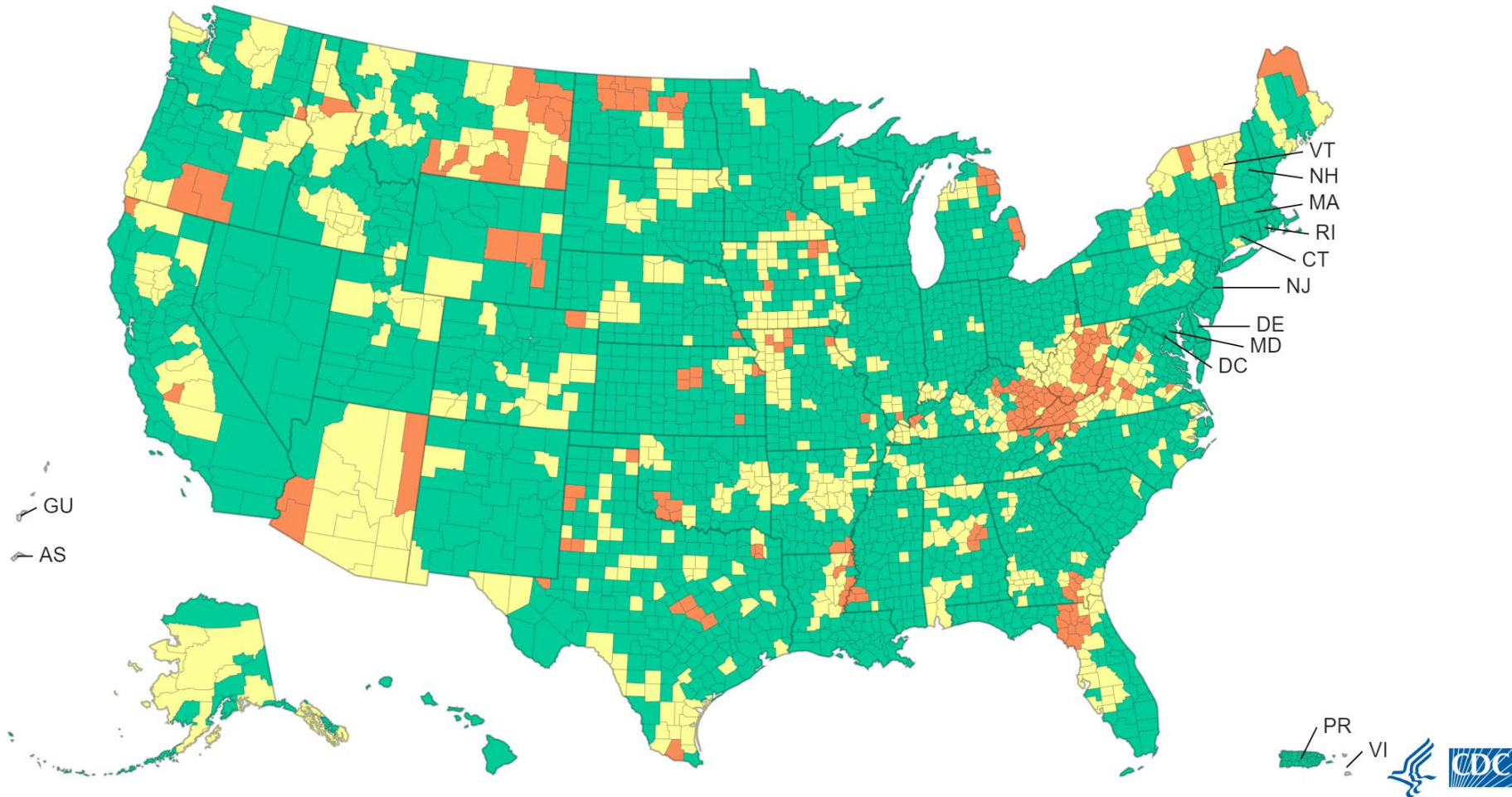
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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels-county-map.html>

FAQs: Face Masks, Travel, etc.

(Updates and clarifications since
our [last call/webinar](#))

Are Face Masks Required on School Buses?

- No - school and child care bus/transportation face mask policies should align with facility policies
- CDC updated their [Requirements for Face Masks on Public Transportation](#)
- “Effective February 25, 2022, CDC is exercising its enforcement discretion to not require that people wear masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs.”

What Should a School or Child Care Program Do if There is an Increase in COVID-19 Cases, or a Cluster/Outbreak?

1. Assess the situation and whether transmission might be occurring in one particular group or setting
2. Assess what prevention measures are currently in place
3. Communicate with students, families, and staff about what is occurring within facilities and the community (use CDC's new [COVID-19 Community Levels](#) in communications)
4. Ensure implementation of routinely recommended infection prevention measures
5. Assess if testing (both for persons who are symptomatic and asymptomatic screening testing) needs to be made available
6. Call NH DPHS if you experience a cluster/outbreak and need assistance

Routinely Recommended Infection Prevention Measures

- COVID-19 vaccination
- [Increase ventilation](#) in classrooms and buildings
- Frequent hand hygiene and good respiratory etiquette
- Exclude and test children, students, staff who develop new and unexplained symptoms of COVID-19
- Cohorting in child care programs (to the extent possible)
- Isolation and quarantine (see [NH guidance](#)) for people infected with COVID-19 and household contacts who are not [up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination](#)
- Consider asymptomatic screening testing

What Precautions Should a Person Take if They Travel? Is Quarantine Required After Travel?

- See CDC's guidance for recommendations on how to protect oneself during travel (domestic or international):
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
- See NH's [Isolation and Quarantine](#) guidance for who needs to self-isolate or self-quarantine
- Quarantine after travel is not required in NH

Q&A