

# NH COVID-19 Vaccine Alliance

Zoom Meeting – April 20, 2021

## Mission:

Convene stakeholders in New Hampshire to promote vaccine confidence, support accurate and consistent vaccine messaging, and foster coordination in the vaccine's allocation.

## Goals:

- 1) Promote public buy-in for COVID-19 vaccines to increase NH immunization rates;
- 2) Act as a force multiplier to support the COVID-19 vaccine communication & allocation plans of the NH-DPHS Bureau of Infectious Disease Control, Immunization Program;
- 3) Counter misinformation on the COVID-19 vaccines; and
- 4) Foster use of NH's Immunization Information System (IIS).

*New Hampshire*  
**MEDICAL SOCIETY**

New  
Hampshire  
Hospital  
Association



**BIA**



**BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**  
New Hampshire's Statewide  
Chamber of Commerce



# Recent NH COVID-19 Vax Alliance Discussions

[3-30-21: Legal Issues in Requiring or Incentivizing COVID-19 Vaccinations](#)

with attorneys Ken Bartholomew, Robert Best and Lucy Hodder

[4-13-21: Transitioning from the predominantly state-run to a private open and closed pod COVID-19 vaccine allocation process](#)

with Dr. Jonathan Ballard

Available at <https://www.nhms.org/> under News Blog.

# Takeaways from Week of April 13

- Beginning Monday, April 19, out-of-state college students, people with vacation homes and visiting the state can also register for vaccinations.
- Anyone who wants to schedule a vaccine appointment will still need to register at <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>.
- Tomorrow, NH mask mandate to expire. Cities, businesses and schools can still continue to enforce mask mandates.
- Safer-at-Home guidance to end on May 7. Re-opening Task Force to revise to a general best practices guidance.

# Preparing for Vaccine Allocation Transition

- 1) Sign-Up & have Staff Trained on NH-Immunization Information System
- 2) Review Design of Workflows (NH Vaccine Information & CDC Websites)
- 3) Have Available COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs & Information
  - <https://www.nhms.org/COVID-vaccine-FAQs>
- 1) COVID-19 Vaccine Messaging & Promotion
  - <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/vaccine-information>
  - <https://wecandothis.hhs.gov/>
  - <https://www.maskupnewhampshire.com/covid-19-vaccine>

# COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Agreement

At <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/resources/vaccine-information>:

Enrolled COVID-19 vaccination providers must be credentialed/licensed in the jurisdiction where vaccination takes place and sign and agree to the conditions in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreements.

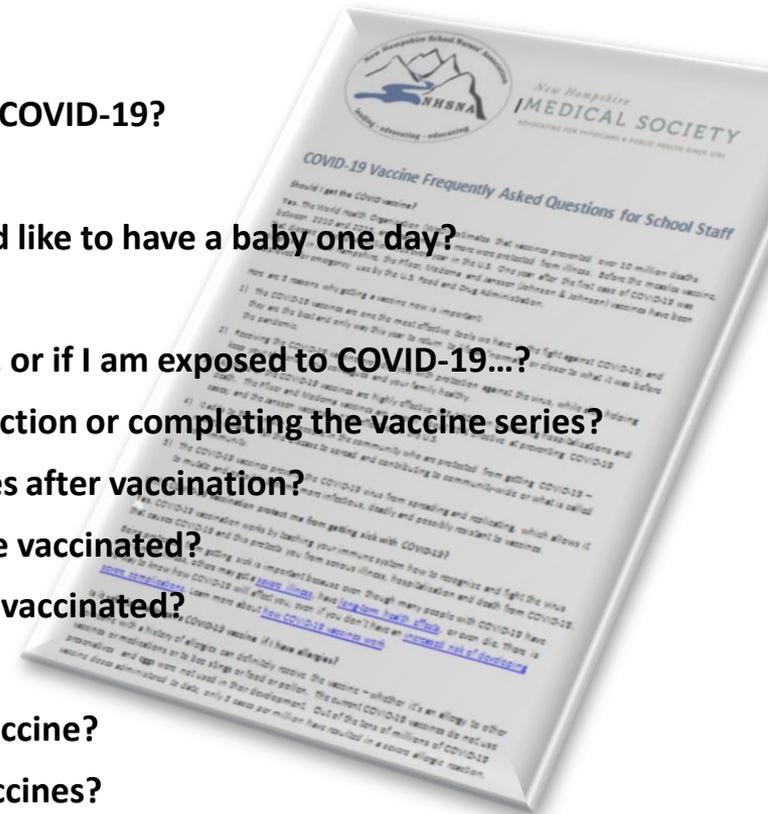
In order to enroll as a COVID-19 vaccination provider, download the [Provider Agreement](#) complete the form electronically, being careful to follow the instructions, and email to [C19Enrollment@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:C19Enrollment@dhhs.nh.gov).

- [Provider Agreement Instructions](#)
- [Provider Agreement](#) (*must be downloaded and opened in Adobe Acrobat, not completed in the web browser*)

# Brandable COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs Available

[https://www.nhms.org/COVID-vaccine-FAQ\\_s](https://www.nhms.org/COVID-vaccine-FAQ_s) (MSWord/PDF)

- 1) Should I get the COVID vaccine?
- 2) Will a COVID-19 vaccination protect me from getting sick with COVID-19?
- 3) Is it safe for me to get a COVID-19 vaccine if I have allergies?
- 4) Are COVID-19 vaccines safe if I am pregnant, lactating or would like to have a baby one day?
- 5) What side effects are possible after vaccination?
- 6) Do I still need to quarantine for travel outside of New England, or if I am exposed to COVID-19...?
- 7) What if I develop symptoms after having a prior COVID-19 infection or completing the vaccine series?
- 8) Will I still need to wear a mask and follow prevention measures after vaccination?
- 9) If I tested positive for COVID-19 in the past, do I still need to be vaccinated?
- 10) If I currently have COVID-19, how long do I need to wait to get vaccinated?
- 11) If I get the vaccine, will I test positive for COVID-19?
- 12) Will I have to get vaccinated every year like I do with the flu vaccine?
- 13) Where can I find more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccines?



# NH Immunization Information System (NHIIS)

**Re-opened April 15th**, NHIIS will feature:

- Consolidated Records for patients
- Management of Vaccine Inventory
- Forecast Immunizations
- Reminder/Recall features
- Expedited Response in an Outbreak
- New look and feel, with streamlined navigation and enhanced reports



For more information, visit:

**NHIIS website:** <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/immunization/nhiis.htm>

**NHIIS for Providers:** <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/immunization/nhiis-providers.htm>

**CDC IIS Information:** <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/about.html>

# Onboarding the NH Immunization Information System (NH-IIS)

**Elizabeth R. Daly, DrPH, MPH**

**Chief, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control**

**Alok Patra, MPH**

**Program Manager- NH Immunization Information System**

**TW Hull, MSN, MPA**

**CDC Public Health Advisor**

**NH Division of Public Health Services, Department of Health & Human Services**

# Questions & Answers

# Objective Goals in New Hampshire for Continued COVID-19 Mask Wearing

Individuals, communities, schools and businesses are urged to continue to follow CDC and NH DPHS guidelines that highlight the efficacy of wearing masks in slowing the community transmission of COVID-19 in New Hampshire, in conjunction with other prevention measures, until:

- 1) COVID-19 vaccination levels reach a community-wide immunity of at least 70%; and
- 2) Community spread of COVID-19 continues at a "minimal" community transmission level as displayed by county on the (<https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map>) [NH COVID-19 data dashboards](#) – less than 50 new infections per 100,000 population over prior 14 days, along with 7-Day PCR test positivity levels below 5%.\*

\* [NH DPHS Level of Community COVID-19 Transmission Definition](#)

## Objective Goals in New Hampshire for Continued COVID-19 Mask Wearing

These objective goals for vaccinations and community spread are intended to allow communities and businesses to make more informed, science-based decisions on masking and other policies to bring the pandemic to a close.

But there may be situations where individuals should continue to wear masks (such as large gatherings) and businesses should continue to require face masks.

Other prevention measures also include avoiding large crowds, staying 6 feet apart from anyone outside your household who is not vaccinated, and practicing frequent hand washing.

# Objective Goals in New Hampshire for Continued COVID-19 Mask Wearing

- Document sent to all NH COVID-19 Alliance partners.
- Opportunity for organizations and businesses to sign-on to statement.

# NH COVID-19 Vaccine Alliance

Zoom Meeting – April 20, 2021

## Mission:

Convene stakeholders in New Hampshire to promote vaccine confidence, support accurate and consistent vaccine messaging, and foster coordination in the vaccine's allocation.

## Goals:

- 1) Promote public buy-in for COVID-19 vaccines to increase NH immunization rates;
- 2) Act as a force multiplier to support the COVID-19 vaccine communication & allocation plans of the NH-DPHS Bureau of Infectious Disease Control, Immunization Program;
- 3) Counter misinformation on the COVID-19 vaccines; and
- 4) Foster use of NH's Immunization Information System (IIS).

*New Hampshire*  
**MEDICAL SOCIETY**

New  
Hampshire  
Hospital  
Association



**BIA**



**BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**  
New Hampshire's Statewide  
Chamber of Commerce

