



New Hampshire

**Department of Education**

## *Friday Forum*

February 25, 2022

- On Wednesday, NHDOE issued this [technical advisory](#) regarding **face coverings** in schools. In light of the new public health guidance, the Department expects schools with universal mask policies to re-evaluate those policies, at their first opportunity, in order to bring them into alignment with the new guidance. Please note that this does not apply to private schools. Masks are currently still required on school buses per order by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- On Feb. 18, the NH State Board of Education adopted its updated School Year and **Distance Education rule**, which is available [here](#), starting on page 18.
- The NH Department of Health and Human Services is offering schools the chance to order one final distribution of the Quidel Quickvue OTC Covid-19 **antigen test kits** with the remaining supplies from the original Say Yes! test distribution. As in the previous distributions, this process will be open for each location to order one case (45 kits, 90 total tests). However, due to the limited number of kits remaining, orders will be approved on a first-come basis while supplies last. Orders may be placed [here](#) and a member from the warehouse team will notify you when they are available for pick-up from the DHHS warehouse in Concord. Contact [DHHS.EPRR@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:DHHS.EPRR@dhhs.nh.gov) with questions.
- Discovery Education celebrates **Read Across America Day** with a virtual read aloud of *Sweet People Are Everywhere* by renowned writer and activist, Alice Walker, on March 2. This picture book is a celebration of humanity through a boy's travel to countries where "sweet people" can be found. After the read aloud, Alice Walker and Quim Torres will share their processes for writing and illustrating. [Learn more and register today](#). On March 3 at 5:30 p.m., join Discovery Ed virtually to participate in [Ignite My Future in School Virtual TECHademy](#), an immersive virtual professional learning session that focuses on engaging students in real world problem solving by leveraging computational thinking.
- The **New Hampshire Career Academy** is an innovative education program that provides students with a pathway leading to a high school diploma, an associate degree, an industry credential, and a job interview with a New Hampshire employer. This happens over a two-year period at no tuition cost to students or their families. For more information about the New Hampshire Career Academy, please visit its [website](#) or contact [christy.d.adamson1@doe.nh.gov](mailto:christy.d.adamson1@doe.nh.gov).

- NHDOE's fourth and final **Stories of Courage** [video](#) recognizing Black History Month celebrates Bridget "Biddy" Mason. More information is available [here](#).
- A virtual professional development opportunity, *An Introduction to the Quantile Framework for Mathematics*, will take place at 3:15 p.m. on March 14. This session helps lay the foundation for use of **Quantile measures** in the classroom level. To join the Quantile Hub Workshop, use [this zoom link](#). In addition, there is a Family Engagement webinar recording on Lexile and Quantile measures available [here](#). For more information email [Anne.K.Wallace@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Anne.K.Wallace@doe.nh.gov).
- This [fire safety and prevention guide for families](#) is available as a resource for schools. Having a proper and comprehensive **safety plan** can help prevent unintentional accidents. This is a fun and educational way for kids to learn about fire safety, while also providing parents with resources to better protect their families.

### ***NHDOE Discretionary Grants***

- CTE Industry Recognized Credentials Grant (deadline March 7, 2022): [https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/irc.rfa\\_.pdf](https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/irc.rfa_.pdf)
- NH School Safe: Threat Assessment Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-learner-support/bureau-of-student-wellness/osew/grants>
- Robotics Education Development Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/robotics-ed-fund.pdf>
- Expanded Adult Diploma Program Credit Options Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-rfa-expanding-credits.pdf>
- Adult Education Technology Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-rfa-technology.pdf>
- Adult Diploma Program Website Development/Improvement Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-website-adp.pdf>
- Adult Education & Literacy Program Website Development/Improvement Grant (accepting applications on a rolling basis): <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/adulted-website-ael.pdf>

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