



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Friday Forum

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- New school guidance was announced Wednesday that transitions away from the reporting of individual COVID-19 cases and instead moves to **weekly aggregate reporting**. K-12 schools are now being asked to report an aggregate number of COVID-19 infections in students and staff once a week through a new, online form expected to go live early next week; this will replace the current school data dashboard that will no longer be used. K-12 schools will also be asked for simplified absenteeism numbers, which is meant to replace the older absenteeism reporting form.
- The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services is no longer asking schools to actively conduct contact tracing to identify **clusters or outbreaks**. Rather, if a large cluster or outbreak is suspected based on weekly aggregate reporting, or if a school official is concerned about uncontrolled transmission within a facility, the school may contact DHHS to report the situation and seek advice. Learn more [here](#).
- Ocean State Job Lot will be offering **free hand sanitizer, hand wipes and disinfecting wipes** to all teachers, school management and support personnel from Feb. 3 to Feb. 16. There is no purchase necessary, and all teachers, school management, and school support personnel are eligible to participate in the [promotion](#). Proof of employment is required, and homeschoolers are included; select materials are free while supplies last.
- NHDOE has partnered with [The Regulated Classroom](#) to assist educators throughout the state in preparing their students for learning and equipping teachers with resources to **reduce stress and dysregulation in the classroom**. More than 2,000 [toolkits](#) will be made available to teachers statewide, as well as on-demand professional development and regional events for implementation and coaching.
- NHDOE, in collaboration with the Woodson Center, have produced a series of videos recognizing **Black History Month**. The [Stories of Courage](#) project offers life lessons from largely unknown, heroic Black American figures from the past and present who triumphed over discrimination and other adverse conditions.
- Ready to bring the [Choose Love Formula](#) into your classroom? **Choose Love** Q/A webinars for educators have been planned for 11 a.m. on Feb. 11, March 11 and April 8; registration is available [here](#). A separate, Choose Love webinar conversation will take place at 8 p.m. Feb. 15; registration is available [here](#). In addition, several Choose Love Educator Support Circle

webinars will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 24, March 31 and April 28; registration is available [here](#).

- Final reminder that **iPlatform training** for K-8 educators will take place at 3:15 p.m. on Feb. 8, and a separate training webinar for grades 9-12 educators will be held at 3:15 p.m. on Feb. 9. Registration is available [here](#).
- NHDOE has received a very generous donation of 400,000 adult, surgical-style **face masks** that are now being made available to schools throughout the state. While many have been reserved, there are still about 60,000 masks remaining. Please note that these masks carry a (use by) expiration date of April 2022. To reserve free masks for your school, please [order here](#). The New Hampshire National Guard will be distributing the masks and is willing to (on a case-by-case basis) travel, although some districts may need to pick up their reserved supply at a designated location.

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