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North Country MACE activated to provide coordinated information and resource management for COVID-19

REGION— The North Country Public Health Emergency Preparedness Region has activated their Multi-Agency Coordinating Entity (MACE) due to the events surrounding the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This Regional Emergency Operations Group is comprised of multiple agency officials representing public health, healthcare, community health centers, municipal emergency managers, and other partners throughout the region. The purpose of this group is to provide public information and risk communication, resource management, and the coordination of activities in the North Country as it relates to this quickly evolving pandemic emergency.

The activation of the MACE in coordination with the State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Service, as well as the New Hampshire Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, helps to ensure the residents of the North Country Public Health Region have the most accurate and updated information. Through a unified process, the MACE allows resources to flow into the region to assist those partners that are experiencing a shortage of supplies.

The MACE is activated through the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), a central location from which local, state, and federal partners can provide interagency coordination and executive decision-making in support of incidents or planned events. Through the SEOC, the North Country MACE has been providing regular status updates to the State. At this time, the North Country MACE group meets virtually twice weekly.



The North Country Health Consortium (NCHC) facilitates and coordinates the North Country MACE and other activities of the North Country Public Health Network.

The North Country Public Health Region encompasses the communities of Coos and northern Grafton Counties including: Bath, Berlin, Bethlehem, Bretton Woods, Colebrook, Errol, Franconia, Gorham, Groveton, Haverhill, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lisbon, Littleton, Milan, Monroe, Mount Washington, North Haverhill, North Stratford, Pittsburg, Randolph, Sugar Hill, Twin Mountain, West Stewartstown, Whitefield, Woodsville.

The North Country Health Consortium (NCHC) is a non-profit public health organization based in Littleton that collaborates with health and human services providers serving northern New Hampshire. To stay up to date with the latest information and recommendations for NH regarding COVID-19 visit: NCHCNH.org and click on the 'News' tab and NCHC's Facebook page: facebook.com/NorthCountryHCNH/ Please direct questions about the North Country MACE via email to covid19@NCHCNH.org

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