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COVID-19, Update #70 *Ending of U.S. Public Health Emergency & Guidance Updates*

Key Points and Recommendations:

- The federal [Public Health Emergency \(PHE\) ends](#) on May 11th, after which NH facilities, laboratories, and providers:
 - No longer need to submit positive COVID-19 case reports or Electronic Laboratory Reports (ELR), but the NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) will maintain established automated connections with facilities sending SARS-CoV-2 laboratory test results.
 - Continue to report any pediatric or maternal deaths due to COVID-19, or patients with suspected or confirmed Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in children (MIS-C) or adults (MIS-A) using this [Case Report Form](#) (securely fax forms to 603-696-3154).
 - Continue to report suspected and confirmed SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks (i.e., multiple cases with evidence of in-facility transmission), consistent with how any outbreak must be reported.
 - Hospitals are asked to continue to voluntarily submit data on persons hospitalized for COVID-19 to NH DPHS using the existing [electronic reporting tool](#) in order to maintain surveillance for disease severity in different patient populations, especially for pediatric and pregnant persons.
- Review CDC's updated [COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel](#).
- Review CDC's updated [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#).
 - Incorporate guidance into routine clinical practice and routinely consult the *Interim Clinical Considerations* for current COVID-19 vaccination schedules and guidance, which are expected to undergo additional updates in the future.
 - CDC will conduct a provider webinar on **Thursday, May 11th** from **2:00 – 3:00 pm** on "*Updated Recommendations for COVID-19 Vaccine Use*" which can be accessed at: https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2023/callinfo_051123.asp (a recording of the webinar is also available to view after the scheduled date/time).
- NH DPHS continues to host monthly clinician webinars on the **2nd Thursday of each month** from **12:00 – 1:00 pm** to provide public health updates. The next webinar will occur on May 11th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm:
 - Webinar link: <https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/94059287404>
 - Call-in phone number: (646) 558-8656
 - Webinar ID: 940 5928 7404
 - Password: 353809

- For any questions regarding this notification, please call the NH DHHS, DPHS, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at (603) 271-4496 during business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).
- If you are calling after hours or on the weekend, please call the New Hampshire Hospital switchboard at (603) 271-5300 and request the Public Health Professional on-call.
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