

Dover Public School District - Assessment of COVID-19 Metrics

	HIGH / CRITICAL RISK	MEDIUM / IMMINENT RISK	LOWEST RISK
Hospital capacity (ICU headroom used)	High or critical risk (60-100%)	Medium risk (50-60%)	Low risk (0-50%) 25% of ICU headroom used
Trend in hospital capacity	Medium risk and increasing; High risk and increasing, stable, or decreasing;	Low risk and increasing; Medium risk and decreasing or stable;	Low risk and stable or decreasing
Cases per 100,000	High or critical case load (25+ per 100k) NH: 43.5 per 100k Stafford: 27.0 per 100k	Medium case load (10 - <25 per 100k)	Low case load (<10 per 100k)
Transmission rate	High risk ($R_t \geq 1.20$)	Medium risk ($1.00 < R_t < 1.20$) NH: $R_t = 1.18$ Stafford: $R_t = 1.02$	Low risk ($R_t \leq 1.00$)
3-4 week trend in case load and transmission rate	Medium risk and increasing rates; High risk and increasing, stable, or decreasing rates	Low risk and increasing rates; Medium risk and decreasing or stable rates	Low risk and stable or decreasing rates
Testing availability	Difficult to get symptomatic testing; little to no asymptomatic testing	Symptomatic testing widely available; asymptomatic testing available for exposed → Testing is becoming more difficult	Symptomatic and asymptomatic testing widely available
Percent of tests that are positive	High risk ($> 10\%$)	Medium risk (3-10% positive) NH: 9.0% Stafford: 7.3%	Low risk ($< 3\%$ positive)
Time to test results	More than 48 hours	< 48 hours	< 24 hours
Contact tracing	Insufficient ($< 50\%$ capacity) 5% capacity estimated	Insufficient (50-90% capacity)	Sufficient ($> 90\%$ capacity)

Our “new normal” can occur when there is a safe and effective vaccine, rapid and frequent surveillance testing, and/or effective treatment reducing the risk of mortality and morbidity to levels comparable to other common viruses.

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Data Sources:

Publicly available data from NH:

<https://www.nhpr.org/post/explore-data-tracking-covid-19-new-hampshire>

COVID Act Now:

<http://covidactnow.org/us/nh?s=983197>

Rt COVID-19:

<https://rt.live/us/NH>

The COVID Tracking Project:

<https://covidtracking.com/data/#state-nh>

Harvard Global Health Key Metrics for COVID Suppression:

https://ethics.harvard.edu/files/center-for-ethics/files/key_metrics_and_indicators_v4.pdf

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