

The NH Child Care Advisory Council

December 9, 2021

1:00-2:30

A few logistics

Everyone is muted so we can all hear well.

We are recording this call. The recording, chat, this PowerPoint and any other meeting materials will be posted at earlylearningnh.org/meetings by the next day.

“Raise your Hand” or use the Chat or Email **info@earlylearningnh.org**:

- to ask questions or offer ideas, tips and solutions
- type “certificate”, then give us your name(s), your email and the name of your child care program, if you would like us to email you a certificate.

Welcome!



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The purpose of the New Hampshire Child Care Advisory Council (NHCCAC) is to support the development of quality, affordable child care statewide, and provide a forum for the gathering and dissemination of information among groups concerned with child care and related services, to advise and make recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services on general policies and legislation regarding child care, and to inform and communicate with the Office of the Governor and the Commissioner of the Department of Education.

The Executive Council is

Anne Grassie,
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Marianne
Barter, Vice
Chair

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Secretary

Agenda

- Welcome
- Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration
- Child Care Licensing Unit
- Covid-19 Update
- Child Care Advisory Council Slate for Executive Committee
- Legislative and Policy Updates

Child Development and Head Start Collaboration

**Debra Nelson,
Bureau Chief**

**Dianne Chase,
Assistant
Bureau Chief**



**Bureau of Child Development and
Head Start Collaboration
NH Child Care Advisory Council**

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Discussion Items for Today:



- BCDHSC Quarterly Budget Report – Mike Bradley
- BCDHSC Program Updates – Debra Nelson
 - ARPA Stabilization – Last Call for Applications!
 - Policy Updates
 - Granite Steps for Quality Guide
 - The State of Child Care in NH Webinar Series

ARPA Stabilization: As of December 7, 2021

- **\$37,908,408*** awarded
- \$19,649,642* invoiced
- 500 Letters of Intent
- 493 Applications in System
- 435 Awarded
- 12 Awaiting Review
- Others: Applications in Process or Incomplete



*Rounded

ARPA Stabilization: About those Incentives

- **367** Programs Accepted Incentives
 - 182 - Offer free child care
 - 131 - Implement a 1-year tuition freeze
 - 35 - Offer non-traditional hours (between 6:30 PM & 6:00 AM)
 - 287 - Enroll as Child Care Scholarship Program (CCSP) provider
 - 252 - Presently serve children receiving CCSP
 - 269 - Enroll all staff in the Professional Registry

ARPA Stabilization: Last Call for Applications Coming Up!

- **Approximately \$3 million remaining** (after considering several under review)
- **Monday, January 3, 2022 (COB)** – Applications Close





- Visit NH Connections website:
 - Updates, webinars/information on allowable uses (CRRSA TAB):
<https://www.nh-connections.org/covid-19/financial-resources/>
- Email us at eccp@dhhs.nh.gov
- Use the NHCIS “support” button

Policy Updates


- Absent Due to COVID Extended as follows:
 - All Children (CCDF and non-CCDF) through January 31, 2022
 - Non-CCDF Children – through April 2022
 - Children in CCDF – Billed through web billing as part of “enrollment-based payment” pilot - January 31 – April 30, 2022
- “Enrollment-Based Payment” Pilot – Stay tuned for more information!



GRANITE STEPS FOR QUALITY

New Hampshire's Quality Recognition and Improvement System





Covid -19 Update, Patricia Tilley
Director of NH Division of Public
Health Services

NH Child Care Advisory

Kids, Clusters and Vaccine

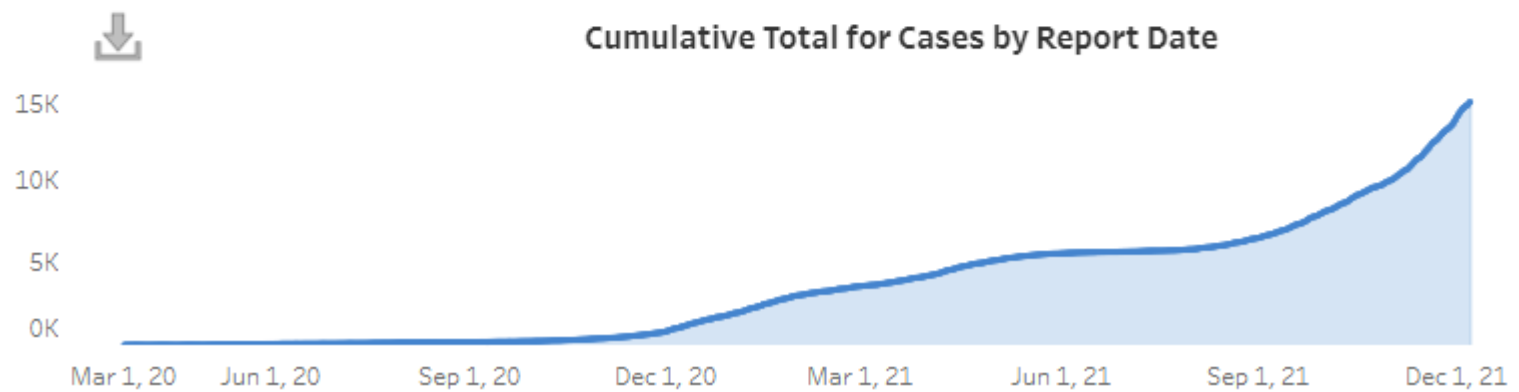
Patricia M. Tilley

Director

NH Division of Public Health Services

NH COVID-19 Cases Age 0-9

- **14,642** children age 0-9 have tested positive for COVID-19
- **Most cases in one day in 2020: 67 cases**
- **Most cases in one day in 2021: 231 cases (so far)**



Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested

- NH DPHS Updated Recommendation: Continue to have a low-bar for excluding and testing people with new and unexplained [symptoms of COVID-19](#) that might indicate infection
 - This includes mild cold symptoms, and even singular symptoms
 - This is essentially the same recommendation as last school year
 - This should be implemented for both people who are/aren't fully vaccinated
- See the list of [COVID-19 testing locations](#) around NH

Top 5 Symptoms by Age Group

All Ages:	0-4 years:	5-9 years:	10-14 years:	15-19 years
Cough (52%)	Fever (51%)	Fever (44%)	Headache (46%)	Headache (52%)
Headache (46%)	Runny nose (48%)	Headache (34%)	Cough (36%)	Cough (42%)
Fever (38%)	Cough (42%)	Cough (31%)	Sore Throat (34%)	Sore Throat (38%)
Myalgia (37%)	Nasal Congestion (25%)	Runny nose (31%)	Fever (34%)	Nasal Congestion (38%)
Fatigue/Lethargy (35%)	Fatigue/Lethargy (19%)	Nasal Congestion (28%)	Nasal Congestion (33%)	Loss of Taste or Smell (37%)

Childcare Clusters in NH (July 2021 – Present)

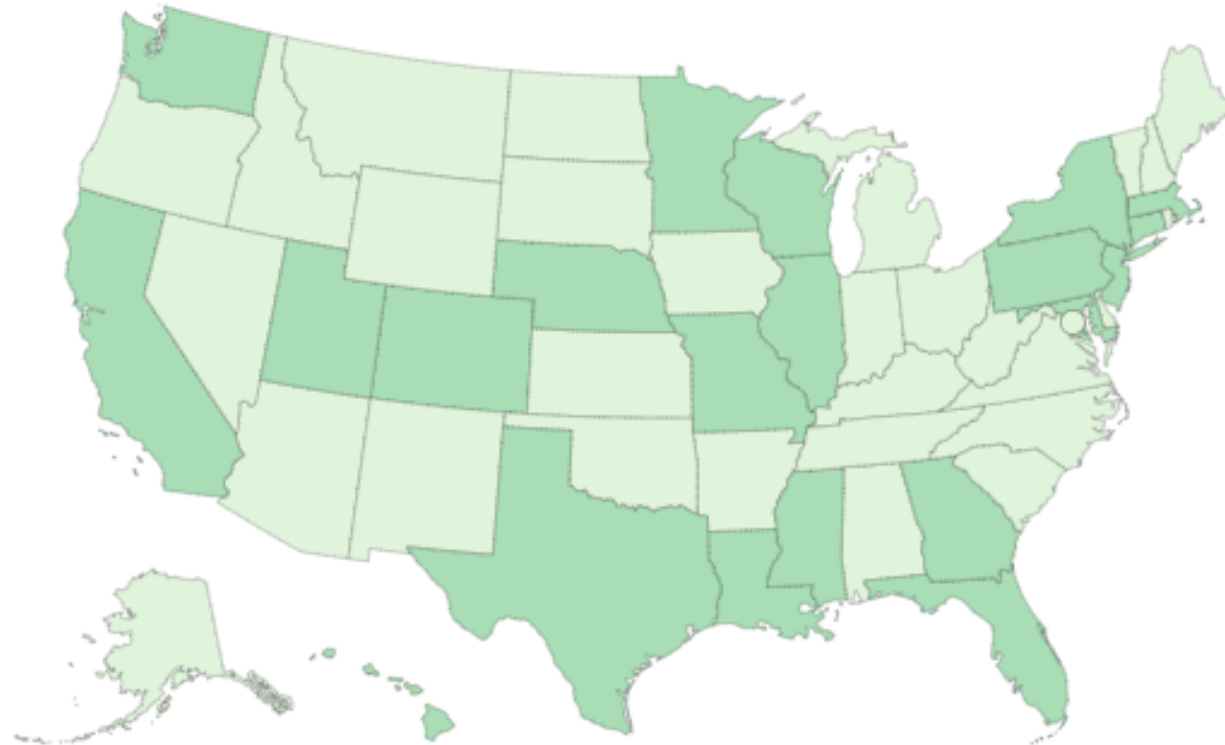
Time Period	Total # Clusters	Total # of Infections Associated with Clusters	Total # of <u>Children</u> Associated with Clusters (%)	Total # of <u>Staff</u> Associated with Clusters (%)	Average # of Infections per Cluster
As of 10/20/2021	34	229	161 (70%)	68 (30%)	6.7
As of 11/3/2021	40	321	216 (67%)	105 (33%)	8.0
As of 11/17/2021	46	384	251 (65%)	133 (35%)	8.3
As of 12/1/2021	56	480	324 (67.5%)	156 (32.5%)	8.6

K-12 School Clusters/Outbreaks in NH

School Year	Total # Clusters	Total # of Infections Associated with Clusters	Total # of <u>Students</u> Associated with Clusters (%)	Total # of <u>Staff</u> Associated with Clusters (%)	Average # of Infections per Cluster
2020-2021 (Entire School Year)	110	693	464 (67%)	229 (33%)	6.3
2021-2022					
As of Oct 6th	97	737	669 (91%)	68 (9%)	7.6
As of Oct 20th	141	1,400	1,234 (88%)	166 (12%)	9.9
As of Nov 3rd	181	1,724	1,517 (88%)	207 (12%)	9.5
As of Nov 17th	262	2,644	2,318 (88%)	326 (12%)	10.1
As of Dec 1st	313	3,326	2,926 (88%)	400 (12%)	10.6

Here Comes Omicron (B.1.1.529)

US COVID-19 Cases Caused by the Omicron Variant



Legend

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- Yes

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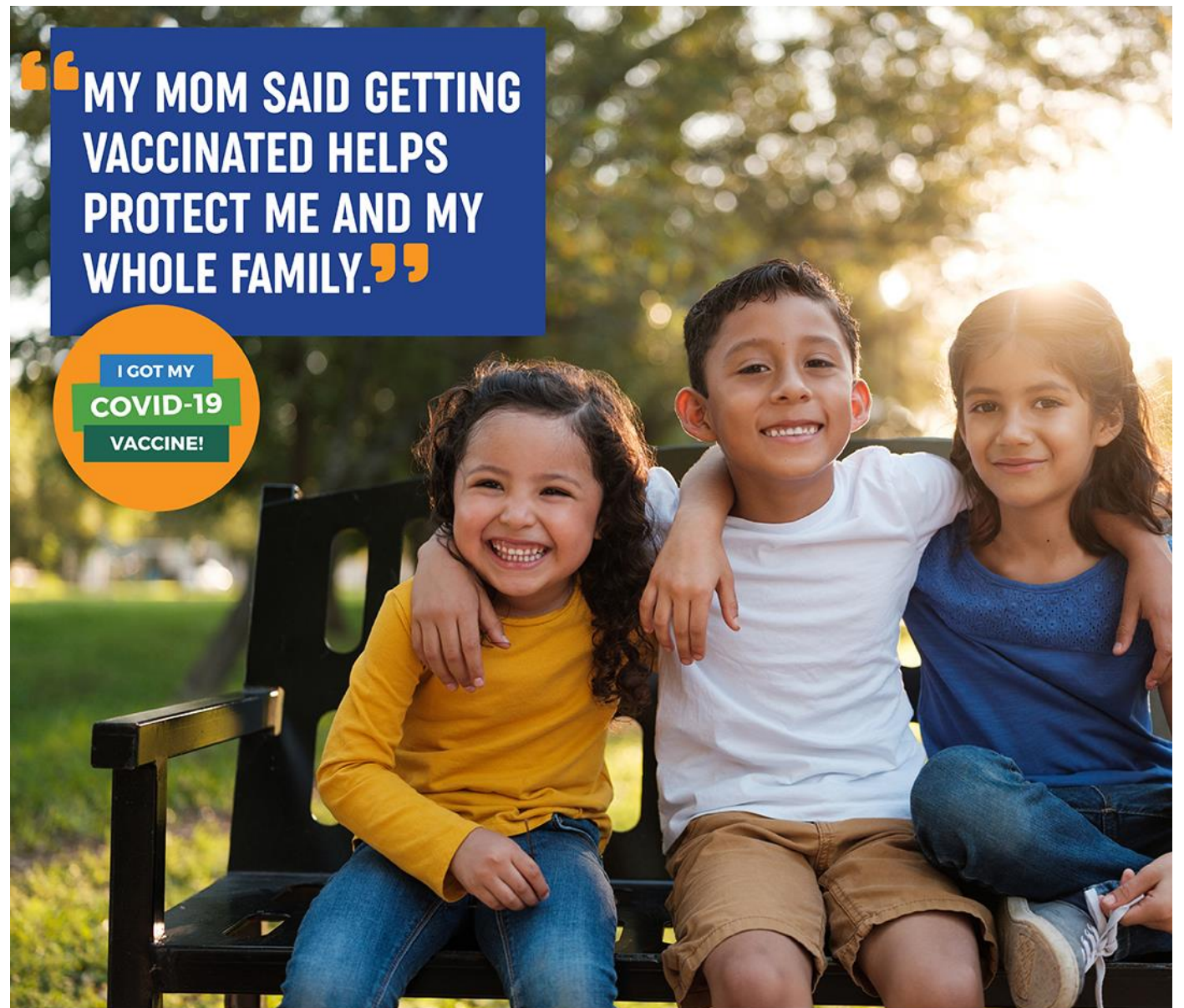


The emergence of the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and [general prevention strategies](#) needed to protect against COVID-19.

Facts on Vax

Most Children and All Teens Can Get COVID-19 Vaccines

- Pfizer-BioNTech is in the process of testing its COVID-19 vaccine in children younger than 5 years down to age six months.
- Moderna has started a clinical trial to test its COVID-19 vaccine in children under 12, including babies as young as six months and is expecting to enroll 6,750 healthy children in the US and Canada.
- Unfounded claims linking COVID-19 vaccines to infertility have been scientifically disproven. There is no evidence that the vaccine can lead to loss of fertility.
- **Since 11/3, more than 80 school-based clinics for COVID-19 Vaccine have been completed.**
- **Children and youth may also receive vaccine at their healthcare provider, pharmacy or other community based clinics**



COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for everyone 5 years and older. Learn more about protecting your child at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

www.cdc.gov



All fully vaccinated adults should get a COVID-19 booster to protect themselves and their family.

Over 10,000 appointments for adult boosters were reserved almost as soon as they were made available during the NH Booster Blitz.

Find a vaccine near you at <https://www.vaccines.gov/>

NH COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINE SITES

Saturday, December 11th



FIXED SITES

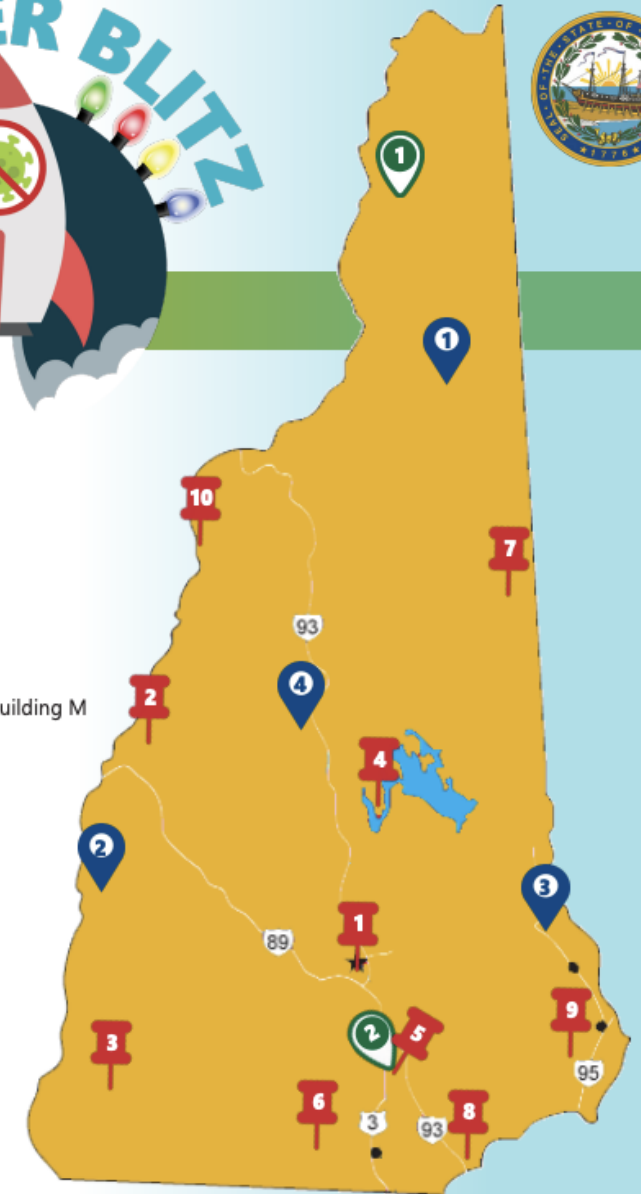
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| 1 | BERLIN | Brown Elementary School | 190 Norway St. |
| 2 | CLAREMONT | Former Liquor Store | 367 Washington St. |
| 3 | ROCHESTER | Rochester Armory | 106 Brock St. |
| 4 | PLYMOUTH | Common Man Function Hall | 231 Main St. |

POP-UP SITES

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| 1 | CONCORD | NHNG Reservation | 1 Minute Man Way, Building M |
| 2 | HANOVER | Richmond Middle School | 63 Lyme Rd. |
| 3 | KEENE | Former Liberty Mutual | 62 Maple Ave. |
| 4 | LACONIA | LR Community College | 379 Belmont Road |
| 5 | MANCHESTER | Memorial High School | 1 Crusader Way |
| 6 | MILFORD | Milford Armory | 1 Union Square |
| 7 | NORTH CONWAY | Kennett High School | 409 Eagles Way |
| 8 | SALEM | Salem Jr. High School | 206 Main St. |
| 9 | STRATHAM | Cooperative Middle School | 100 Academic Way |
| 10 | WOODSVILLE | Clifford Memorial Building | 65 South Court St. |

OTHER SITES

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| 1 | COLEBROOK | UCVH - Parking Garage | 181 Corliss Ln. |
| 2 | MANCHESTER | VA Medical Center | 718 Smyth Rd. |



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Education and Childcare Partner Call Schedule

- 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:30-4:30 pm
- The Wednesday 12/15 webinar/call is cancelled
- The next education and childcare partner webinar/call will occur on 1/5/2022
- Webinar/call information:
 - Zoom link: <https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/98062195081>
 - Webinar ID: 980 6219 5081
 - Passcode: 197445
 - Telephone: 646-558-8656

Child Care Licensing

Melissa Clement, Chief of Child Care Licensing Unit

The Proposed Slate for NHCCAC Leadership

Marianne
Barter,
Chair

Shannon
Tremblay,
Vice Chair

Lisa Doyon,
Secretary



Legislative and Policy Updates

Updates on Child Care Legislation and Policy

- Child Care: the Workforce behind the Workforce Act of 2022
 - ✓ Join the workforce bill strategy group: 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1-2pm on zoom
(**let us know in chat** or email info@earlylearningnh.org)
- Office of Early Childhood bill (2022)
- Preschool bill (2022)
- Update on ARPA Discretionary \$?
- Federal Build Back Better bill – passed US House, on to US Senate
- SB 144 (2021), enrollment-based scholarship payments – on track
- HB 230 (2021) update?



Questions????
Comments????

