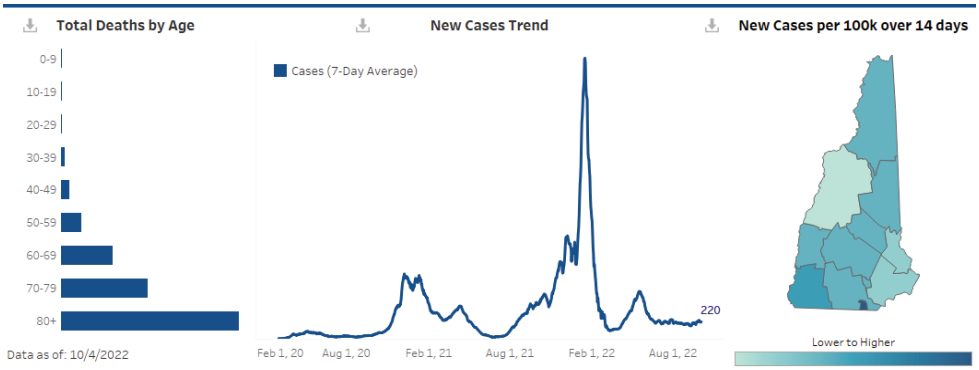
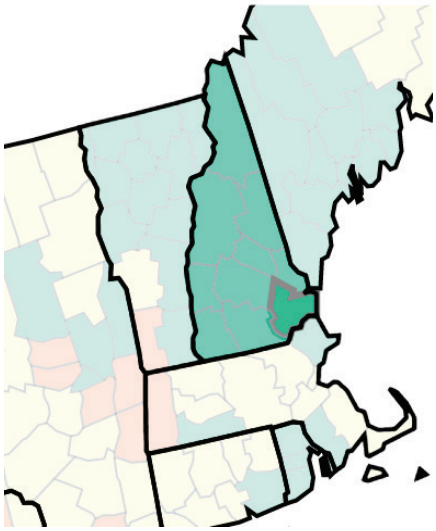
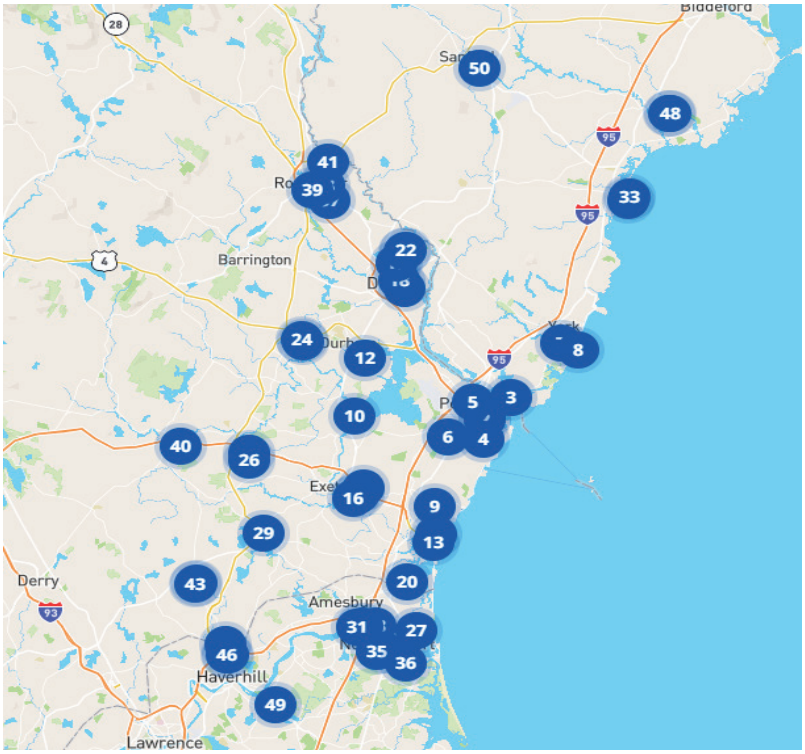
# HEALTH BULLETIN BOARD 10/5/22



**NHDHHS is reporting an 2% decrease in the number of cases for the 7 days ending October 4, compared to the previous 7 days. CDC is classifying all NH Counties (map above right) as "low risk" for community infection. Go to: https://tinyurl.com/3u9c5nx9**




**COVID-19 BOOSTERS: MORE SITES AVAILABLE! Find the new booster by going to the interactive map at vaccines.gov**

**NH DHHS EXPANDS ELIGBILITY FOR MONKEYPOX VACCINE**
The New Hampshire DHHS has expanded monkeypox vaccine eligibility criteria to make it easier for people at risk for monkeypox to be vaccinated, and to make it easier for healthcare providers to vaccinate patients they believe are at risk. Those now recommended to get the 2-dose vaccine series include:

- Any person who identifies as gay, bisexual, queer, or is a man who has sex with men (MSM) and believes they are at risk for monkeypox virus infection.
- A person of any gender or sexual orientation whom a medical provider thinks is at increased risk for monkeypox virus infection.
- Persons who report in the prior 14 days a known exposure to the monkeypox virus.

Vaccination locations can be found on the website, or contact your healthcare provider. Anyone experiencing monkeypox symptoms, should isolate and call their healthcare provider or call (603) 271-4496.

**NH DHHS AND CDC RECOMMEND EVERYONE OVER 12 RECEIVE FALL COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINES** – The CDC has approved the FDA EUA for a modified "bivalent" booster Pfizer vaccine for age 12+ and one from Moderna for 18+ that combine protection against the original strain PLUS protection against Omciron BA.4/BA.5 now circulating, The new CDC vaccination recommendations (below) say anyone who has received the primary series should receive the new booster vaccine, regardless of any additional boosters or COVID-19 infections. Go to UPDATED booster FAQs: https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/vaccination-faqs

