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Greater Monadnock Public Health Network Launches Facebook Page

KEENE, NH, 04/4/11 — The Greater Monadnock Public Health Network recently launched a Facebook page as another strategy to increase communications with the public. The link to the new page is www.facebook.com/GreaterMonadnockPublicHealthNetwork

The GMPHN encourages community members to “like” the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network Facebook page to receive preparedness tips and public health information. The community is also encouraged to “share” the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network Facebook page with friends, family, neighbors and colleagues so they too can be ready before an emergency occurs.

Last fall, the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network also launched a Twitter account called ReadyMonadnock (<http://twitter.com/ReadyMonadnock>). The Greater Monadnock Public Health Network (GMPHN) will regularly post public health information and preparedness tips on both Facebook and Twitter. It will also utilize Facebook and Twitter during emergencies and disasters as an additional way of communicating timely and pertinent information to the public.

Most recently, the GMPHN has posted info on Facebook and Twitter about the peanut butter recall in NH due to *Salmonella* risk, the disaster in Japan and radiation monitoring conducted by the State of NH, National Nutrition Month, the upcoming National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in April, and severe weather updates.

The Greater Monadnock Public Health Network is one of 15 public health networks in New Hampshire. It is housed by Cheshire Medical Center / Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene and is financed through Cheshire County via a grant by the New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, with funds provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

After the September 11th attacks, state and local officials realized the need for a more robust public health system in New Hampshire. The public health networks strive to enhance and improve public health-related services by increasing collaboration and planning across municipal boundaries and the health and safety sectors. The Greater Monadnock Public Health Network

consists of representatives from each of the 33 municipalities in the Monadnock region as well as representatives from regional organizations which provide for the public's health and safety.

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