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Greater Monadnock Public Health Network Launches Blog

KEENE, NH, 08/16/11 — The Greater Monadnock Public Health Network recently launched a blog as an additional strategy to increase communications with the public. The link to the new blog is <http://greatermonadnockpublichealthnetwork.blogspot.com/>. The GMPHN encourages community members to visit the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network blog to receive preparedness tips and public health information.

Over the past year, the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network has been improving its social media capabilities, launching a Twitter account (<http://twitter.com/ReadyMonadnock>), a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/GreaterMonadnockPublicHealthNetwork), and now a blog. The Greater Monadnock Public Health Network (GMPHN) will regularly post public health information and preparedness tips on all three of its social media sites. It will also utilize Facebook, Twitter, and the blog during emergencies and disasters as an additional way of communicating timely and pertinent information to the public.

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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