

**MINUTES**  
**Cheshire County Commissioners Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 09, 2022**  
**Department of Corrections**  
**825 Marlboro Road, Keene, NH 03431**

**Conference Call Information**  
**Phone Call-in Number: +1 646 558 8656**  
**Meeting ID: 409 748 8803**  
**Pin #: 6031233**

**Present:** Commissioners Jack Wozmak, Robert Englund, and Terry Clark  
**Staff:** County Administrator Coates, Finance Director Trombly, Department of Corrections Superintendent Iosue, and Assistant County Administrator Bouchard.  
**Guest(s):**

At 8:33 AM, Commissioner Wozmak opened the meeting, and Administrator Coates conducted a roll-call with the Commissioners, Wozmak, and Englund, responding as "present." Commissioner Clark joined the meeting at 8:35 AM.

At 8:35 AM, the Commissioners opened the floor for public comment and Department Head updates.

Public Comment: None

Superintendent Iosue was asked to provide an update on the COVID cases at the jail and said that there have been two outbreaks in different pods but that there wasn't any serious illness to report. A discussion of the protocols to limit infections in the facility was covered. He also said that a full-time nurse has been hired and will start shortly.

Iosue then spoke to the issue of the need to maintain a competitive compensation package to attract and retain medical personnel to allow the continuation and implementation of high-quality programs for the facility. An extended discussion of the shortage and training of personnel began.

Coates was then recognized for the Weekly Operations report.

Coates provided the following update from the Cheshire Medical Center on COVID infections.

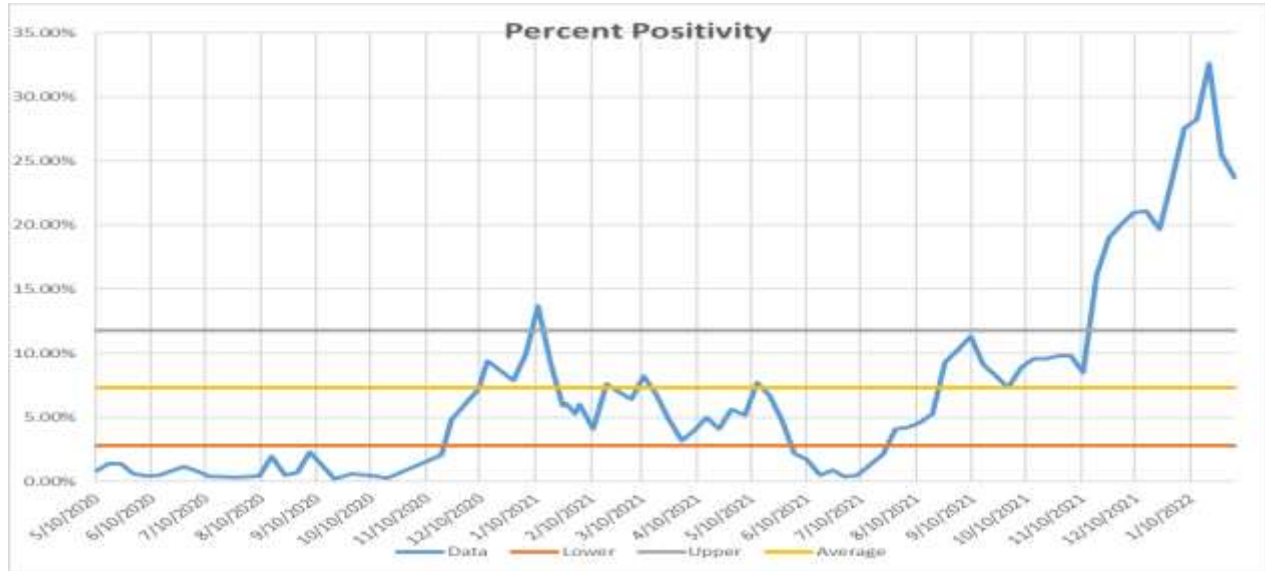
**IP Update Week of 2/7/22**

**Total Tests Collected / Percent Positive:** (per eDH)

	Detected	Not Detected		Grand Total	% Detected
<b>1/7/2022 – 1/13/2022</b>	325	828		1,153	28.2%
<b>1/14/2022 – 1/20/2022</b>	403	835		1,238	32.6%
<b>1/21/2022 – 1/27/2022</b>	230	672		902	25.5%
<b>1/28/2022 – 2/3/2022</b>	204	657		861	23.7%
<b>Grand Totals since JAN2021</b>	<b>5,186</b>	<b>37,501</b>		<b>42,687</b>	<b>12.1%</b>

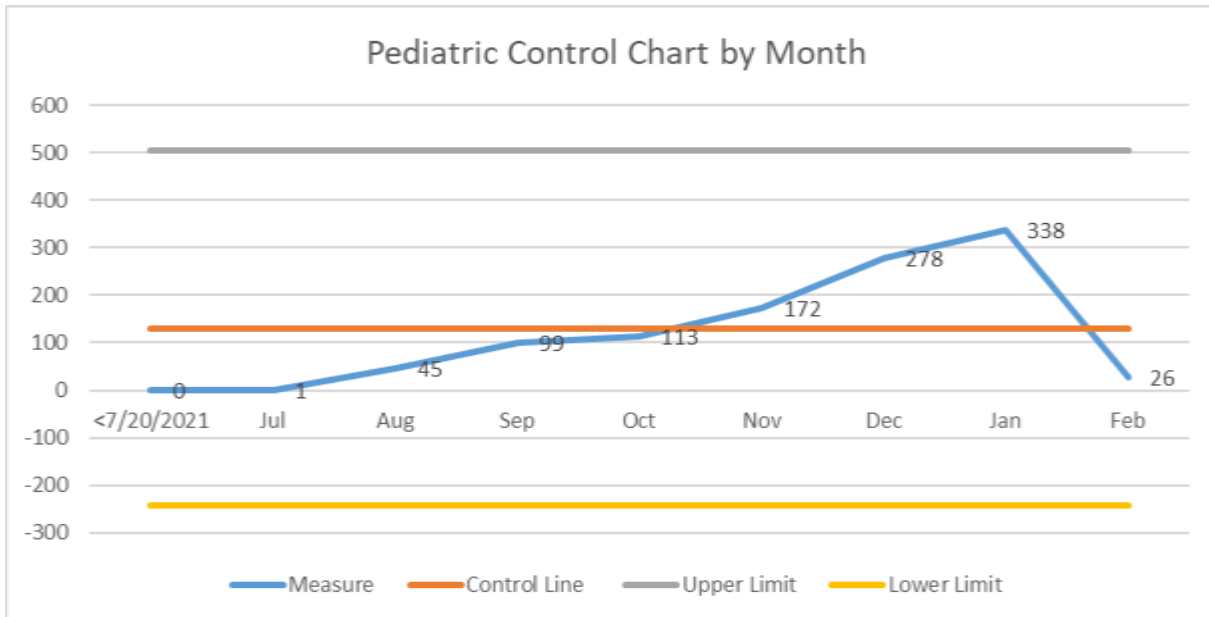
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**Symptomatic vs. Asymptomatic Tests Collected** – 21% asymptomatic, 12% symptomatic, and 66% unknown for 1/28/2022 – 2/3/2022.

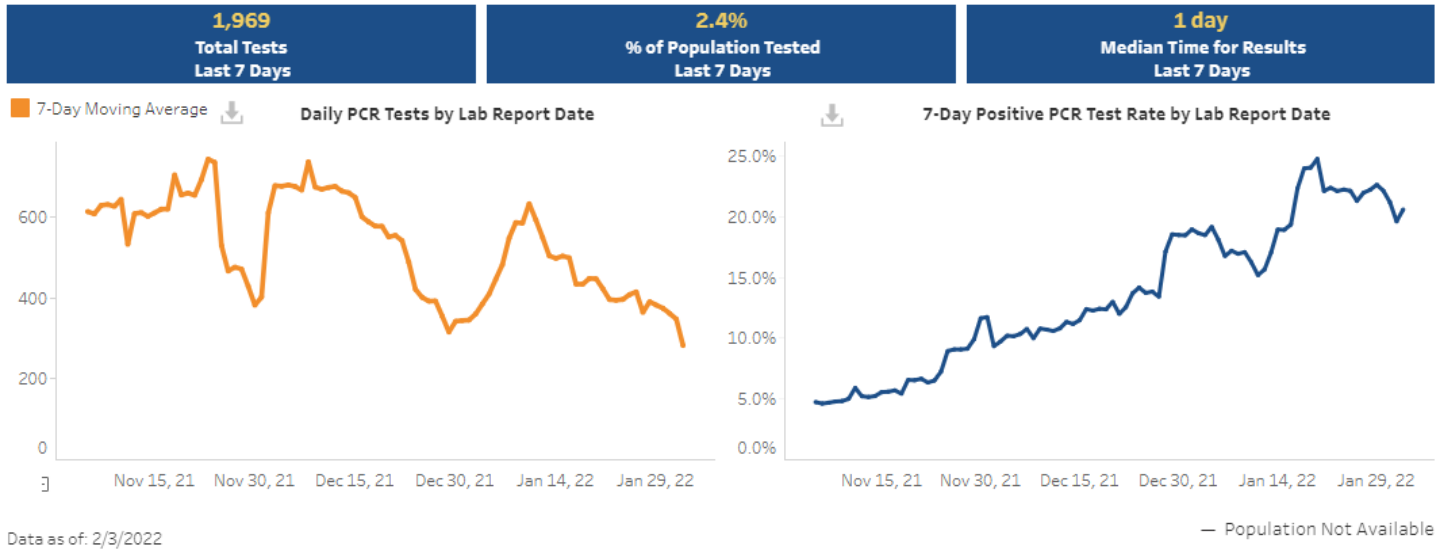
**Pediatric Control Chart:**



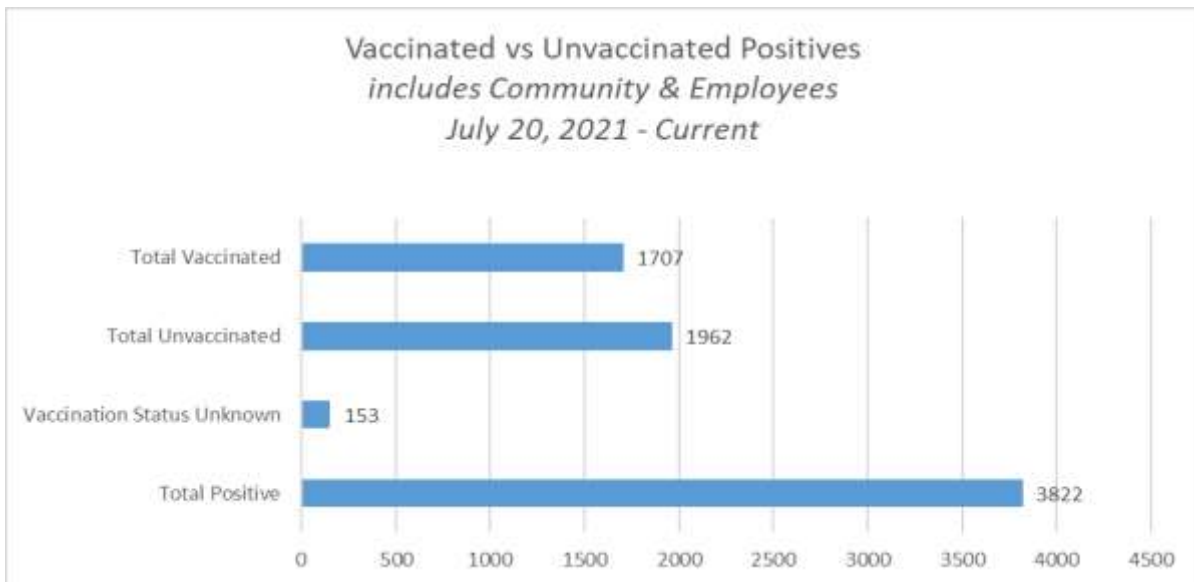
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**State Data for Cheshire County:** Current data not available.



**Positives Compared to Vaccination Status** (as of 1/1/22 this data includes community positives and employee positives only. Historic inpatients will remain.) **44.66% vaccinated / 51.33% unvaccinated / 4.00% unknown**



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**Inpatients** (7 day average, age range, and vaccination status) **34.65% vaccinated / 57.10% unvaccinated / 8.25% unknown**

1/21/22 – 1/27/22: total of **127** active COVID patients over 7 days, an average of **18** patients per day. This week we had **15** newly admitted, with ages ranging from **0-12, 30-39, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80+**; **4** of which were fully vaccinated, **9** were not vaccinated, and **2** had an unknown vaccination status.

Of the **15** newly admitted:

- Confirmed and admitted due to COVID – 11 (2 vaccinated, 7 unvaccinated, 2 unknown)
- Confirmed asymptomatic and admitted due to other etiology – 4 (2 vaccinated, 2 unvaccinated, 0 unknown)

1/28/22 – 2/2/22: total of **104** active COVID patients over 7 days, an average of **14.9** patients per day. This week we had **5** newly admitted, with ages ranging from **20-29, 40-49, 50-59, and 80+**; **5** of which were fully vaccinated, **0** were not vaccinated, and **0** had an unknown vaccination status.

Of the **5** newly admitted:

- Confirmed and admitted due to COVID – 4 (0 unvaccinated, 4 vaccinated, 0 unknown)
- Confirmed asymptomatic and admitted due to other etiology – 1 (1 vaccinated, 0 unvaccinated, 0 unknown)

Coates then discussed seeking grants for the pending County Dispatch Radio upgrade project and expects to be able to explore possible funding from the Northern Borders Regional Commission program as well as seeking federal funding from Senator Shaheen's office through an earmark in the pending federal Infrastructure bill.

Coates said that he had been invited to sit on a committee to meet with a biomedical company that is considering moving to the County. He said that this would add Cheshire County to the growing list of biomedical companies moving into NH and would help bring jobs and possibly attract other companies to consider our region for expansion.

Coates reminded the Commissions that the final 2022 Delegation Budget meeting will occur next Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. He said that the Delegation Executive session is set to finalize budget recommendations to the full Delegation that will meet in March.

Old Business: None

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New Business: Commissioner Englund spoke of a comment from a former Commissioner who is interested in seeing more clean energy in use within the State. A discussion about the programs that are available and the constant and growing impediments caused by the utility companies was reviewed at length.

**At 09:36 AM, Commissioner Wozmak moved to enter a nonpublic meeting pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

**At 10:05 AM, the Commissioners voted unanimously to return to the public session.**

**Consent Agenda: Minutes of 01/26/2022 and Manifests for the week. Commissioner Englund moved the consent agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. The motion passed with unanimous consent upon roll call vote.**

General Discussion:

**010:10 AM, there being no further public business to conduct, Commissioner Englund moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

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