



Embracing New Hampshire

POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORTING NH'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

7,000

Businesses



Extension and the NH Small Business Development Center offered resources for COVID relief funding and support to more than 7,000 NH businesses. The NH SBDC produced 139 webinars to help businesses with COVID recovery and its webpage attracted 36,700 views.



51

New projects

Extension launched 51 innovative online and remote projects to assist small businesses, nonprofits, K-12 schools and families.



40,000

Volunteer hours

Student volunteers at Durham's McGregor EMS donated 40,000 hours in 2020, an increase of 5,000 hours.



33,363

Map Views

Extension's Food Access Map helped people in danger of going hungry find free and low-cost food close to where they live.

700,000+

COVID tests



UNH administered more than 700K tests on its 3 campuses. UNH's positivity rate remained below NH's throughout the pandemic.



45,000+

PPE donations

UNH Police gathered donated supplies from UNH labs and departments for frontline workers.

Partnership with state delivers testing to long-term care facilities

Residents and staff at 30 long-term care facilities on the Seacoast received COVID tests through a partnership created by UNH with the NH Department of Health and Human Services. More than 3,000 tests were administered in its first month.

Innovative telehealth program serves occupational therapy clients

When COVID-19 meant occupational therapy clients could no longer have in-person visits, UNH researchers developed an innovative program to deliver services via telehealth. The UNH Telehealth Practice Center also helped medical facilities across NH deliver care online.

Making history: UNH hosts NH Legislature

For the first time since the Civil War, the NH House of Representatives met outside the State House when it convened a session in June 2020 at The Whittemore Center, one of the few indoor arenas in the state large enough to host the 400 lawmakers. In all, UNH hosted five legislative sessions.

Wastewater research helps identify COVID hotspots

To track potential hotspots for COVID-19 infections, UNH went underground – testing wastewater on campus for traces of the virus that could provide early warning signs of the disease. The wastewater samples were able to detect traces of the virus from people who were in the earliest stages of infection, but without symptoms. NH cities, towns and schools are exploring the potential for testing wastewater in their communities.

Ultraviolet research, expertise guides COVID disinfection

When frontline responders and facilities struggled to find and reuse personal protective equipment, a UNH research team developed guidelines for disinfecting with ultraviolet light. The results contributed to the understanding of how UV-disinfection impacts PPE integrity.



Learn More - unh.edu/research/CovidResponse