

Weekly FD Report  
Friday, March 26  
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- Numerous EMS and Fire calls during the week. **A fire was reported in a small, detached garage at 68 High Street around 7:15 Saturday evening. The fire was quickly extinguished with minimal damage to the garage and a vehicle stored inside. There were no injuries reported, and crews were clear of the scene within 30 minutes.**

- Daily statewide COVID numbers have risen slightly as compared to the past few weeks. This past week NH had 2,337 positive tests for a daily average of 334. There have been 22 COVID19 related deaths statewide recorded, with Rockingham County recording 6 deaths this past week. Exeter has seen 26 new positive tests since last Friday. Our running total since March 2020 is now 770, with 35 cases considered active.

- The regional fixed site in Exeter has been vaccinating over 900 people daily. Reports that the site may soon be moving are still circulating, but the Exeter High School vaccination site will remain open until a suitable location and agreement has been reached.

- **An agreement was finally reached between the State of NH and the Mall at Fox Run. It has become official... the regional COVID19 vaccination site has been moved to the Old Sears store located at the Mall at Fox Run in Newington. All appointments starting 0800 Monday, March 29 should plan to receive their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccination at the mall.**

- **The Exeter High School and SAU16 has been a fantastic host since late December 2020. In addition to an indoor vaccination location being far more efficient and less weather dependent, the high school needs the parking lot back so they can plan for students to return to class, and support a more safe campus for student and faculty movement during spring sports and outside activities.**

- Exeter Fire/EMS personnel continue to assist with vaccinations at the high school site. In addition, our staff has provided vaccinations to nearly 200 residents at various site, including the Squamscott View Apts. (277 Water St.), the Exeter Mill properties, 6 Meeting Place Drive, Whispering Pines in Epping, and Packer Meadows in Newton. Next week we will be assisting the Greater Seacoast Public Health Network at public housing sites in Newmarket. vaccinating another 40-60 residents.

- Exeter Fire/EMS personnel vaccinated nearly 1,200 teachers and staff throughout SAU 16 during the week of March 15-20. Second dose vaccinations are scheduled for the week of April 12-17.

- **We are planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> dose schedule starting as early as April 1, at the Squamscott View Apartments, 277 Water Street.**

- A huge thank you to the superintendent's office for coordinating, and the school nurses, & local fire/ems departments throughout the district for their help with vaccinations.

**Changes/additions from the originally submitted report are shown as BOLD.**

# COVID vaccine site opens at Mall at Fox Run as Exeter High School site closes



A New Hampshire-run COVID-19 vaccination site is opening at the old Sears store at the Mall at Fox Run in Newington. The site has replaced the vaccination location at Exeter High School's football stadium parking lot, which has closed, according to a spokesperson for Gov. Chris Sununu.

The change is effective immediately with first appointments at the Mall at Fox Run today, Monday, March 29, at 8 a.m.

Ben Vihstadt, spokesman for Gov. Chris Sununu, said the change is "part of the ongoing effort to improve efficiencies at state-managed sites. We can do more vaccinations at indoor sites than we can at drive-through sites." He said there is curbside option for people with "mobility concerns."

People who had appointments today or in the future in Exeter have received communication from the state noting their appointment locations have been changed to Newington, he said.

Vihstadt said the National Guard, which has been operating the Exeter site, is staffing Exeter High School today and redirecting people to Newington in case they missed the communication.

Vihstadt indicated more indoor sites are planned, but he did not immediately provide details.