



New Hampshire House of Representatives

Public Measures & Emergency Medical Response Capacity

General Court of NH – House session at the NH Sportsplex
February 24th & 25th 2021

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House session for February 24th and 25th will be livestreamed at the following link:
<http://nhhouse.edifymultimedia.com>

Please note, this link will not be live until the session begins at 9:00 a.m. on February 24th.

Membership and Arrivals

- As the Members arrive at the NH Sportsplex, the vehicles will be directed to Republican and Democrat designated parking areas that will be closest to their designated entrances to the complex.
- Separate entrances on opposite side of the building will be used by Republicans and Democrats. Both entrances are ADA accessible with ramps.
- Attendees are to not congregate in the parking lot, cars, or entrances to building. Physical distancing of at least 6 feet should be maintained including outside the facility.
- Attendees should wear their face mask upon exiting their vehicles in the event that they are unexpectedly unable to maintain 6 feet distancing, including while outside of the NH Sportsplex facility.
- All attendees are to screen themselves prior arrival at the NH Sportsplex for fever, symptoms of COVID-19, and additional risk factors. See questions below for screening:
 - Do you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher? The symptoms of COVID-19 can include:
 - Fever, or feeling feverish.
 - Respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath;
 - General body symptoms such as muscle aches, chills, and severe fatigue;
 - Gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, and
 - Changes in a person's sense of taste or smell
 - Have you had close contact with someone who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 in the prior 14 days?

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- Have you traveled in the prior 14 days outside of New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, or Rhode Island?
- Any Non-Member with a positive answer to any of the above questions are not to attend the House session. Any Member with a positive answer to the above questions are recommended not to attend the session.
- Members of the General Court staff and signage will direct the parking of the vehicles and Members to the correct entrance.
- As the Members proceed through the designated entrances of the Sportsplex, they will each receive an individual bag, the contents of which will include:
 - Bottle of hand sanitizer
 - (2) additional facemasks
 - (1) biohazard or paper waste disposal bag
 - Bottle(s) of water
 - Additional bottles of water will be available & Members may bring their own.
 - Voting device will be giving to each member by their caucus staff
 - Mileage documents/paperwork/etc.
- Staff will provide box lunches at the same time the members receive their bags to eliminate need for members to leave their seats except for restroom breaks. Members may bring their own food.
- Staff will be present to remove discarded lunch items from the Members at their individual seats to reduce movements of the Members around the chamber.
- EXPECTED ATTENDANCE: 400 members and staff

Protocols within the Complex

- Overall, this session is designed to have minimal touchpoint surfaces and designed for the Members to primarily remain at their seats.
- Members may stand, stretch and walk in the area immediately around their seat.
- Seats will be spaced at least 10-12 feet apart providing ample spacing to maintain physical distancing.
- All General Court staff, media, and any non-Members in attendance are required to wear face masks.
- Members are recommended to wear face masks.
 - The Center for Disease Control and Prevention updated recommendations about masks on February 10th, 2021. The CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings, at events and gatherings, and anywhere they will be around other people, and to choose masks that have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric, completely

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cover your nose and mouth, fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps, and have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask.

- Additional information regarding masks is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>
 - The CDC recognizes that some persons are exempt from mask recommendations when a person with certain disabilities or underlying health conditions who cannot wear a mask or cannot safely wear a mask, for reasons to the disability or condition. In the event that a person cannot safely wear a mask, the CDC advises consideration of adaptations and alternatives of which persons can discuss with their healthcare provider.
 - Face shields will be available to members who cannot wear a mask due to medical reasons.
 - Additional information is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#mask-adaptations-alternatives>
- There are bathroom facilities inside the main entrance of the facility for mask wearing attendees and separate bathrooms in Building One, immediate adjacent to a section of the Sportsplex designated for non-mask wearing Members. Both sets of bathrooms are ADA-compliant. A periodic sanitizing schedule will be followed for all facilities.
 - There shall be no loitering or congregating in the entryways to the facilities and bathroom areas. Physical distancing shall be maintained at all times. The Sargent at Arms staff will monitor the entryways, gallery areas, and outside the entrances to the bathroom facilities to ensure physical distancing and limiting an excess number of attendees within these areas of the chamber at any given time that would exceed the areas' capacity to allow for physical distancing.
 - Hand sanitizer pump bottles and sanitizing wipes will be on a table at all the bathroom areas.
 - Sargent at Arms staff will be working throughout the facility to encourage continued use of PPE and minimizing the amount of time Members are out of their designated seating area.
 - Members will have dedicated personnel for each section of the chamber who will have microphones on 3' poles brought to the Members at their individual seats to minimize the movement of Members throughout the seating area.
 - There will be a section for Members who choose to not wear mask and a separate section for Members who are unable for reasons of disability or health conditions to wear a mask. There will be maximum allowable spacing between sections of mask-wearing Members, non-mask wearing Members by choice, and non-mask wearing members for reasons of underlying disability and health conditions. Members in the non-masked section will be required to wear a mask at any time they are not at their own seat.
 - Masks may be removed for the purpose of eating or drinking. Members may eat lunch in their cars to avoid being unmasked at lunch time. Members are discouraged from congregating at lunch time.

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- The HVAC system of the NH Sportsplex will be set to provide maximum ventilation and maximize fresh outdoor airflow. Large inflow of fresh air with intakes from the roof of the facility will be set to maximally flow with fresh air into the facility with ventilation ducts on the sides and length of the facility. The entryways and large garage door immediately adjacent to the non-mask wearing sections of Members will be opened, allowing for continual airflow to exit the facility maximally away from the HVAC intake on the roof and opposite end of the facility and away from the section for mask-wearing Members.
- The non-mask wearing sections for Members will have stationary mics on a stand that those members will have to approach to speak to minimize staff being in these sections. Cleaning wipes will be at the stands. Members shall wipe the mic after speaking before and after each use. A trash receptacle will be next to the mic stands.
- There will not be any authorized smoking areas, or outside gathering areas for Members during the event.

Event Staff

- ALL session staff, i.e., GCNH staff and contractors, will submit to temperature screening & questions the morning of the event before being allowed to work inside of the NH Sportsplex.
- ALL law enforcement, security, fire, and EMS personnel working the event will have temperature screening and questions the morning of the event.
- ALL GCNH staff & contractors shall wear facemasks throughout the entire event.

Medical Response

- Bedford Fire Department personnel will have their normal shift compliment.
- Area medical facilities: Catholic Medical Center/ Elliot Hospital/Southern NH medical.
- Medical care room will be set-up with appropriate medical equipment as well as stretchers and wheelchairs for movement of Members, as needed.
- AMR will have (2) paramedics assigned to the event.
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Additional Considerations

- Security will be provided by House Sargent at Arms and GCNH – Protective Services for the interior of the facility.
- Additional Agencies involved: NH State Police, Town of Bedford Police, NH Information & Analysis Center, NH HSEM, Bedford Fire Dept., NH State Fire Marshalls Office, AMR ambulance service.

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- LED Message Board roadside signs as well as staff members will assist in navigating the NH House members to the event site & parking lot areas.
- Should there be any additional Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requests for accommodations at specific to attendance at the event venue, these should be submitted to the General Court's ADA representative in advance of the session. Requests can be emailed to Jennifer.Becker@leg.state.nh.us.

Public and Press Access

- The session will be livestreamed and members of the public and press are encouraged to utilize the stream to observe the meeting. The link to the streaming video will be posted on the General Court website on the day of the events.
- In the event a member of the public or press wish to be present at the meeting, they shall enter through a designated entrance to the left of the main entrance and proceed directly to a mezzanine on the second floor of the entrance area that overlooks the field area.
- The capacity of the mezzanine will be limited to no more than 30 people and will be monitored by staff and security. Attendees in this area must always maintain social distancing.
- No member of the public or press shall have access to members on the field level.