



New Hampshire Health Officers Association

Spring Workshop

Wednesday May 24, 2023: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
NH DHHS Auditorium, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH
www.nhhealthofficers.org

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome – NH Health Officer Association Update

Wayne Whitford, President, NH Health Officers Association

Sophia Johnson, NH DHHS Health Officer Liaison

9:15 – 9:30 a.m. NHHOA Strategic Planning Update

Beverly Baer Drouin, Section Administrator, NH DHHS Division of Public Health Services

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in New Hampshire

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of synthetic chemicals that are increasingly being found in our environment and in New Hampshire's drinking water sources. This presentation will summarize the occurrence of PFAS in New Hampshire in regard to private drinking water wells, actions a private well owner can take to protect themselves, and resources to assist homeowners as well as municipalities to remediate PFAS.

Amy Rousseau | PFAS Response Administrator - MtBE Remediation Bureau, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Visit Vendors

11:00 – 12:00 Introduction to Communicable Diseases and Public Health

This presentation will cover basics of disease transmission and prevention, provides an overview of diseases to be aware of when interacting with the public and details examples of when Health Officers may interact with Public Health.

Krystal Mallory, Public Health Nurse Specialist, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Visit Vendors

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Protecting New Hampshire's Food Supply: Role of the Local Health Officer

This presentation will give brief overview of the NH DHHS Food Protection roles and responsibilities in protecting the New Hampshire's food supply and then provide examples of how local health officer may play a role in supporting these activities. *A case study of a successful collaboration will be provided.*

Colleen Smith, MS, Administrator, Food Protection Section, DHHA

Jeff Hughes, DHHS Food Protection

Chief Ken Flaherty, HO, Milford

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Panel Discussion on Legal Issues, Warrants and the Courts

Natch Greyes, Government Affairs Council, NH Municipal Association

Brian Lockard, Health Officer, Salem

3:00p.m. Adjourn ~ Thank You and Safe Travels!

Speaker Bios:

Amy Rousseau is the PFAS Response Administrator for the NH Department of Environmental Services with the MtBE Remediation Bureau. She has been in State service for eight years, previously serving the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau as a Small System Engineer providing technical assistance to seasonal and other small public water systems. Prior to State service, Amy worked in private consulting as an environmental engineer with a focus on environmental/hydrogeologic investigations, hazardous waste site characterizations, and remediation projects. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from SUNY Plattsburgh and a Masters of Engineering in Environmental Engineering from Clarkson University.

Krystle Mallory, BSN, RN-BC (she/her) began her Public Health Nursing career at the New Hampshire State Prison for Men in 2012, later transitioning to the Secure Psychiatric Unit in 2015. In 2017, Krystle took the opportunity to join the Division of Public Health Services where she currently serves as the Interim Nurse Manager within the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control overseeing the Infectious Disease Emergency Response Program. Krystle lives with her husband and two young children, with whom she bakes and enjoys outdoor adventures whenever she can.

Colleen Smith is the Administrator of the Food Protection Section for the state of New Hampshire. The section has food safety and licensing oversight for over 5,000 food establishments in New Hampshire which includes retail food establishments, food processors, dairy farms and plants and shellfish harvesters and dealers. She has been with the Food Protection Section since August 2008. Prior to joining the state, Colleen has over 12 years of food industry experience, holding positions in Research and Development and Quality Control. Colleen holds a MS in Food Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.