



New Hampshire  
Health Officers Association

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Puritan Conference Center, Manchester, NH  
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# 2026 HEALTH OFFICER CONFERENCE AGENDA

**7:15 – 8:15 AM** | Registration & Hot Buffet Breakfast with Vendors

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**8:15–8:30AM** | Welcome–NHHealthOfficerAssociation  
Wayne Whitford, *President, NH Health Officers Association*  
Brian Lockard, *Vice President, NH Health Officers Association*  
**DHHS Health Officer Liaison Update** ~ Sophia Johnson, NH DHHS



**8:30 – 9:30 AM** | **Green Burials:** An emerging practice in New Hampshire, green burials provide options for environmentally friendly funeral practices. NH Funeral Resources will provide an overview of the practice, explain state and local laws for how these can be completed safely and provide resources for additional questions.  
*Lee Webster, NH Funeral Resources, Education and Advocacy Director*

**9:30 - 9:50 AM** Coffee with Vendors

**9:50 - 10:30 AM** | **Condemning Buildings:** This session will explain the experience in condemning a local motel, including enforcement, state and local laws utilized, and important lessons learned during the process.  
*Lacey Fowler, Town of Seabrook*

**10:30 – 11:30 PM** | **Lead Hazards:** Any renovation, repair, or painting (RRP) project in a pre-1978 home or building can easily create dangerous lead dust. EPA requires RRP projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, childcare facilities and preschools built before 1978 be performed by lead-safe certified contractors. During this session, Health Officers will learn how to identify RRP violations they may witness in their communities, report concerns to the appropriate officials, and use local authority to respond to lead hazards.  
*Kate Kirkwood, Speaker & Trainer*

**11:30 – 12:10** | **2026 NHDES Subsurface Bureau Update:** An overview of recent changes in the NHDES Subsurface Bureau focusing on the revisions to Env-Wq 1000 and how they relate to the duties of the local Health Officer *David Aiton, NHDES*

**12:10 - 1:00 PM** | Lunch with Vendors

**1:00 - 2:00 PM** | **Bed Bugs:** Hear Manchester Health Department provide an introduction to bed bugs infestations. Attendees will learn about bed bug behavior, best practices for treatment and prevention, and applications of state and local laws to ensure landlords and tenants are fulfilling their legal obligations.  
*Aaron Krycki, Manchester Health Department*

**2:00 – 2:45 PM** | **Inspection Warrants:** Under RSA 147, Health Officers may obtain an administrative inspection warrant to assist in the investigation of nuisances and causes of danger to the public health. During this talk, learn the process for how to apply for an administrative inspection warrant and the best practices for executing the warrant.  
*Christine Johnston, NH Municipal Association*

**2:45 PM** | Raffles & Adjourn ~ **Thank You! Drive Safe**

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