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Greater Monadnock Public Health Network Joins Twitter

KEENE, NH, 08/26/10 — The Greater Monadnock Public Health Network (GMPHN) recently joined Twitter as another strategy to increase communications with the public. In keeping with the federal Ready initiative and the state ReadyNH initiative, the GMPHN's Twitter account is named ReadyMonadnock. <http://twitter.com/ReadyMonadnock>

The GMPHN will regularly post emergency preparedness tips for the public on the ReadyMonadnock Twitter account. The GMPHN will also utilize Twitter during emergencies or incidents as an additional way of communicating timely and pertinent information to the public.

The GMPHN encourages community members to “follow” ReadyMonadnock on Twitter to receive information on emergency preparedness so you and your family can be ready before an emergency occurs.

The GMPHN is one of 15 public health networks in New Hampshire. The GMPHN is housed by Cheshire Medical Center / Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene and is financed through Cheshire County via a grant by the New Hampshire Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health Services, with funds provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

After the September 11th attacks, state and local officials realized the need for a more robust public health system in New Hampshire. The public health networks strive to enhance and improve public health-related services by increasing collaboration and planning across municipal boundaries and the health and safety sectors. The GMPHN consists of representatives from each of the 33 municipalities in the Monadnock region as well as representatives from regional organizations which provide for the public's health and safety.

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