



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

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Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion  
C/O Chairman Rogers Johnson  
107 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03303

Dear Chairman Johnson and Honorable Council Members:

Please find enclosed the Initial Report and Recommendations of the Governor's COVID-19 Equity Response Team. This comprehensive report was designed to develop a recommended strategy and plan to address the disproportionate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and to oversee the implementation of the recommended plan.

I am requesting that the Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion review this initial report in its entirety and consider these recommendations as the Council develops its annual report. I look forward to the Council's feedback on the outstanding recommendations and whether they are achievable on a short, medium, and long term basis.

As a State, New Hampshire has already taken action on some of these recommendations to minimize disproportionate impacts related to COVID-19. Others will require long-term efforts to fully account for long held disparities that contribute to the social determinants of health.

Recommendations from the report that are currently underway include:

- Robust disparity data dashboards
- Increase community testing
- Assure testing sites have written protocols for community outreach and demographic identifier data
- Conduct Equity Review Analyses
- Assure healthy food access
- Create communication Channels to hear community voices
- Deploy COVID-19 Response Community Health Workers
- Provide isolation and quarantine housing support

We will continue to work with members of the Equity Response Team as well as this Council to formulate a plan for long term action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu  
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