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## Nashua Division of Public Health and Community Services Publishes Lyme Disease Toolkit

**Nashua, NH – March 24, 2014** - The City of Nashua Division of Public Health and Community Services (DPHCS) is pleased to announce publication of their Lyme Disease Toolkit as part of an awareness campaign in the Greater Nashua Public Health Region. This toolkit includes educational materials and guides for children and adults on Lyme disease as well as templates that can be adapted and used by various organizations to promote Lyme disease prevention.

Each year in New Hampshire, about 1,560 people are diagnosed with Lyme disease and prevention is the best approach to managing this growing public health concern. The Lyme disease toolkit details prevention practices and tailors them to various sectors of the community including: Schools, Camps, Employers and Employees, Parks and Recreation, Families and Healthcare Providers. For example, the toolkit can be used to organize educational sessions for teachers and counselors, provide fact sheets to employees, provide talking points for discussions with campers about proper tick checking and offer advice to healthcare providers on recognition of Lyme disease.

Kerran Vigroux, Director of the City of Nashua's Division of Public Health and Community Services, comments, "We hope that this toolkit will be a useful resource for our community partners so that together we will work to lessen the effects of Lyme disease and ensure a safer environment for the residents of our region."

The Lyme disease Toolkit is available on the City of Nashua Website (<http://bit.ly/Lymediseasetoolkit>). For more information about this toolkit call the Division of Public Health and Community Services at (603) 589-4543.

A 30 second promo and a 15 minute segment with public health professionals are available on the Nashua Public Health YouTube website: <http://bit.ly/NPHYoutube>.

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