

## TOWN OF GORHAM

### CODE RED MESSAGE

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This is an informational message from your local Emergency Management Task Force, Androscoggin Valley Hospital and Coos County Family Health regarding a recent and rapid increase in the rate of COVID infections in the community.

A sharp rise in the number of cases in the community has led to a large increase in patients requiring local healthcare services ... including inpatient hospital services. AVH is experiencing it's highest levels of Covid-19 activity since the pandemic began, and the Berlin-Gorham area has one of the highest numbers per 100K people in the State... Locally, we are in an extreme state.

Every citizen has the opportunity to stay well and to help lessen the rate of infection and help preserve hospital and medical service capacity.

This message is being provided to help raise awareness of the current, dramatic rise in infections and to encourage all citizens to take steps right now to minimize transmission.

Actions that will help reduce the spread include:

- Staying home if you can
- Wearing a mask indoors in public settings
- Avoiding large groups (especially indoors)
- Getting Vaccinated

Thank you for responding to this request. This won't last forever and now is the time to make a difference.

Your cooperation is much appreciated,

*Denise M. Vallee*

Town Manager