

# Landmark 5G Study Highlights Health Threats

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## STORY AT-A-GLANCE

- › Newest data from the New Hampshire legislative commission confirms wireless technology produces significant negative effect on humans, animals, insects and plants
- › In the race for hyperfast internet speed and connectivity, experts are making comparisons between the release of 5G and the lies told by the tobacco and oil industries
- › The structure required to support 5G will place cell antenna ports close to your home and workplace, making it nearly impossible to avoid and raising your risk of excessive oxidative stress that may lead to anxiety, depression and Alzheimer's
- › It is important to get involved in helping to prevent implementation of 5G by contacting your local lawmakers and signing local petitions. Consider taking steps in your home to reduce exposure

Flying under the radar, so to speak, during the media coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic, is the rollout of a hyperfast speed 5G wireless network. As millions of Americans are suddenly working remotely, it has proven to be a powerful opportunity for regulators to move 5G forward. Yet, in the face of expanding wireless connections, a landmark study recommends reducing exposure.

Despite concern by many experts, the implementation is moving forward under the guise of bringing a faster and more efficient internet, at any cost. The term 5G stands for the fifth generation of wireless access, which Jonathon Adelstein, head of the

Wireless Infrastructure Association, characterizes as “4G on steroids.”<sup>1</sup> The association represents nearly 200 companies in the telecommunications industry.<sup>2</sup>

However, Adelstein’s characterization of 4G on steroids is not quite accurate. While the 4G network uses under 6 gigahertz (GHz) on the radio frequency spectrum, 5G will occupy from 30 GHz to 300 GHz, which are shorter millimeter wavelengths.<sup>3</sup> The health effects of consistent exposure to pulses of these wavelengths have not been thoroughly studied, but the initial evidence shows it is **likely dangerous**.

If faster speed and reliability are truly the end goals, then fiber optic connections are a far better and safer way forward. It’s not the faster speeds of 5G that are of concern to scientists but, rather, the distribution of wireless data when in most cases it could be routed more easily and less expensively over fiber optic cables.

## Newest Data Confirms Past Evidence

Following the passage of New Hampshire House Bill 522, the New Hampshire legislative Commission to Study the Environmental and Health Effects of Evolving 5G Technology was formed.<sup>4</sup> The commission was engaged to “study the environmental and **health effects of 5G wireless technology** in 2019.”<sup>5</sup>

The commission was made up of 13 members whose education included epidemiology, occupational health, toxicology, physics, engineering electromagnetics and a representative from the wireless industry. As quoted from EMF Safety Network, the commission was asked to answer eight pointed questions, including:<sup>6</sup>

- Why thousands of peer-reviewed radiofrequency (RF) studies that show a wide range of health effects, including DNA damage, brain and heart tumors, infertility and many other ailments, have been ignored by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC)
- Why the FCC guidelines do not account for health effects of wireless technology
- Why the FCC RF limits are 100 times higher than those in other countries

- Why the FCC is ignoring the World Health Organization classification of wireless as a possible carcinogen
- Why, when the world's leading scientists signed an appeal to protect public health from wireless radiation, nothing has been done

The commission heard from experts and ultimately all except the telecommunication representative acknowledged that RF radiation coming from wireless devices had an effect on humans, animals, insects and plants. The commission wrote:<sup>7</sup>

*"There is mounting evidence that DNA damage can occur from radiation outside of the ionizing part of the spectrum. The Commission heard arguments on both sides of this issue with many now saying there are findings showing biological effects in this range. This argument gets amplified as millimeter waves within the microwave range are beginning to be utilized."*

Their first recommendation was "an independent review of the current RF standards of the electromagnetic radiation in the 300MHz to 300GHz microwave spectrum" to assess the health risks that were linked to cellular communications.<sup>8</sup>

The remaining recommendations included those that would reduce an individual's exposure to the 5G network and increase the public's knowledge and awareness of their exposure.

Included was a [shorter minority report](#) written by the business and industry representative and the telecommunications representative, who were not in agreement with the majority of experts. The EMF Safety Network wrote, "This minority report parrots the language of the telecommunications industry and exposes their agenda to ignore science and continue to confuse the public."<sup>9</sup>

## Safety Is Taking a Backseat to Speed

In much the same way the tobacco industry convinced the public that smoking was not dangerous, so is the telecommunications industry selling the public on [speed over safety](#). In the interview above with Greater Earth Media, IT professional Jon Humphrey

made the glaringly obvious comparison between the actions of telecommunication, tobacco and leaded gas industries, saying:<sup>10</sup>

*“So, they know the technology is dangerous and that's why they're just trying to get as much of it out there as they can before they're finally held accountable. Sadly, we've seen this all before.*

*We saw it with big tobacco, we saw it with leaded gas and in every single case the big corporations did what they always do – they lied and then they paid off politicians and they paid scientists and they silenced people and discredited them and sadly they did get away with a lot of it and that's what we need to make sure doesn't happen with 5G.”*

The promise is that speeds will be from 10 to 100 times faster than 4G running primarily on millimeter-wave (MMW) bandwidth. According to EMF coach and author Lloyd Burrell, the signals will likely be weaker since the wavelengths do not penetrate buildings and tend to be incorporated into rain and plants. To adjust, the 5G network will use:<sup>11</sup>

*“... smaller cell stations (and the technology of beamforming) that'll scramble/unscramble and redirect packets of data on a no-interference path back to us. This could mean wireless antennas on every lamp post, utility pole, home and business throughout entire neighborhoods, towns and cities.”*

This requires a new infrastructure mounting 5G cell stations on existing structures, such as utility poles. During U.S. Senate hearings on the topic, when asked about the safety studies on these small cell stations, representatives from the industry stated they were not aware if any such studies existed.<sup>12</sup>

This led Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., to say, “So there really is no research ongoing. We're kind of flying blind here.” An article published in Scientific American by Joel M. Moskowitz, Ph.D., director for the Center for Family and Community Health in the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley, identified another challenge:<sup>13</sup>

*"5G will not replace 4G; it will accompany 4G for the near future and possibly over the long term. If there are synergistic effects from simultaneous exposures to multiple types of RFR, our overall risk of harm from RFR may increase substantially. Cancer is not the only risk as there is considerable evidence that RFR causes neurological disorders and reproductive harm, likely due to oxidative stress."*

## How Is 5G Different From 4G?

As explained in this video by IEEE Spectrum, part of a large organization devoted to engineering, there are several differences between 4G and 5G technology. Considering there are already many who struggle with **electromagnetic hypersensitivity**, saturating cities and suburban areas with additional radio frequencies will only add to this once rare affliction.

One of the significant problems with the technology is that it relies primarily on MMW, which is known to penetrate human tissue up to 2 millimeters, where it is absorbed by the surface of the cornea and is conducted by sweat glands within the skin.<sup>14</sup> Each of these factors leads to an association with a number of potential health problems.

For example, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) is using MMW in crowd control weapons called the Active Denial System because it produces a severe burning sensation. The DOD writes, "The Active Denial System generates a focused and very directional millimeter-wave radio frequency beam."<sup>15</sup>

MMW is also known to suppress your immune function<sup>16</sup> and increase cellular stress, harmful free radicals, learning deficits<sup>17</sup> and, potentially, bacterial antibiotic resistance.<sup>18</sup> There is nothing to suggest that 5G will produce less harm than the current technology, and there are thousands of studies demonstrating the harmful effects from that.

Research by Martin Pall, Ph.D., details how excessive oxidative stress triggered by microwave exposure from wireless technology can lead to reproductive harm and **neurological disorders**, such as anxiety, depression, autism and Alzheimer's.<sup>19</sup>

## Without the Choice to Opt-Out, What Can You Do?

Once it's installed in your neighborhood, you won't have a choice to opt out of 5G exposure. "5G will be virtually everywhere, with the options of being able to simply "get away from it" being very limited as millions of small cell devices are rolled out," Humphrey says.<sup>20</sup>

There's no doubt in my mind that microwave radiation from wireless technologies is a significant health hazard that needs to be addressed if you're concerned about your health. Unfortunately, the rollout of 5G will make remedial action difficult, which is why we all need to get involved and do what we can to prevent it in the first place, such as contacting your local lawmakers and signing local petitions.

Below are several suggestions to help reduce your exposure and mitigate the damage from wireless technology. In addition, you can [download a free chapter from my book, "EMF\\*D,"](#) that summarizes many of the major recommendations. This is handy to keep on your desktop as a reference as you're making changes in your home.

Identify major sources of EMF in your home, such as your cellphone, cordless phones, Wi-Fi routers, Bluetooth headsets and other Bluetooth-equipped items, wireless mice, keyboards, smart thermostats, baby monitors, smart meters and the microwave in your kitchen. Ideally, address each source and determine how you can best limit their use.

Barring a life-threatening emergency, children should not use a cellphone or a wireless device of any type. Children are far more vulnerable to cellphone radiation than adults due to having thinner skull bones and developing immune systems and brains.

Research also demonstrates that infants under the age of 1 do not effectively learn language from videos, and do not transfer what they learn from the iPad to the real world, so it's a mistake to think electronic devices provide valuable educational experiences.<sup>21</sup>

Connect your desktop computer to the internet via a wired Ethernet connection and be sure to put your desktop in airplane mode. Also avoid wireless keyboards, trackballs, mice, game systems, printers and portable house phones. Opt for the wired versions.

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If you must use Wi-Fi, shut it off when not in use, especially at night when you are sleeping. Ideally, work toward hardwiring your house so you can eliminate Wi-Fi altogether. If you have a notebook without any Ethernet ports, a USB Ethernet adapter will allow you to connect to the internet with a wired connection.

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Avoid using wireless chargers for your cellphone, as they too will increase EMFs throughout your home. **Wireless charging** is also far less energy efficient than using a dongle attached to a power plug, as it draws continuous power (and emits EMF) whether you're using it or not.

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Shut off the electricity to your bedroom at night. This typically works to reduce electrical fields from the wires in your wall unless there is an adjoining room next to your bedroom. If that is the case, you will need to use a meter to determine if you also need to turn off power in the adjacent room.

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Use a battery-powered alarm clock, ideally one without any light. I use a talking clock for the visually impaired.<sup>22</sup>

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If you still use a microwave oven, consider replacing it with a steam convection oven, which will heat your food as quickly and far more safely.

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Avoid using "smart" appliances and thermostats that depend on wireless signaling. This includes all new "smart" TVs as they emit a Wi-Fi signal and, unlike your computer, you cannot shut the Wi-Fi signal off. Consider using a large computer monitor as your TV instead, as they don't emit Wi-Fi.

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Refuse a smart meter on your home as long as you can, or add a shield to an existing smart meter, some of which have been shown to reduce radiation as much as 98%.<sup>23</sup>

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Consider moving your baby's bed into your room instead of using a wireless baby monitor. Alternatively, use a hard-wired monitor.

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Replace CFL bulbs with incandescent bulbs. Ideally remove all fluorescent lights from your house. Not only do they emit unhealthy light, but more importantly, they transfer current to your body just being close to the bulbs.

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Avoid carrying your cellphone on your body unless in airplane mode and never sleep with it in your bedroom unless it is in airplane mode. Even in airplane mode it can emit signals, which is why I put my phone in a Faraday bag.<sup>24</sup>

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When using your cellphone, use the speaker phone and hold the phone at least 3 feet away from you. Seek to radically decrease your time on the cellphone. Instead, use VoIP software phones that you can use while connected to the internet via a wired connection.

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Avoid using your cellphone and other electronic devices at least an hour (preferably several hours) before bed, as the blue light from the screen and EMFs both inhibit melatonin production.<sup>25,26</sup> If you must use your phone make sure you have the blue light filters activated and have it in dark mode.

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The effects of EMFs are reduced by calcium-channel blockers, so make sure you're getting enough magnesium. Most people are deficient in magnesium, which will worsen the impact of EMFs.

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Pall has published a paper suggesting that raising your level of Nrf2 may help ameliorate EMF damage.<sup>27</sup> One simple way to activate Nrf2 is to consume Nrf2-boosting foods, such as **cruciferous vegetables** and **fermented foods** and beverages.<sup>28</sup>

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Exercise, calorie restriction (such as intermittent fasting) and activating the nitric oxide signaling pathway (one way of doing that is the **Nitric Oxide Dump exercise**) will also raise Nrf2.

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