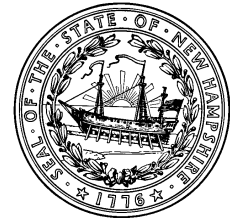


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – January 2, 2021

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Saturday, January 2, 2021, DHHS announced 1,178 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 9.3%. Today's results include 790 people who tested positive by PCR test and 388 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 6,468 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **12/27: 28** new cases today, for an updated total of **607** cases
- **12/28: 32** new case today, for an updated total of **591** cases
- **12/29: 28** new cases today, for an updated total of **843** cases
- **12/30: 712** new cases today, for an updated total of **886** cases
- **12/31: 378** new cases

Test results for previous days are still being processed and the total number of new positives for those days are not yet complete. Updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the [COVID-19 interactive dashboard](#).

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are one hundred fifty individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 53% being female and 47% being male. The new cases reside in Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (234), Rockingham (212), Strafford (131), Merrimack (115), Cheshire (56), Grafton (50), Belknap (47), Coos (32), Sullivan (21), and Carroll (16) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (121) and Manchester (101). The county of residence is being determined for forty-two new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases are either associated with an outbreak setting or have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

DHHS has also announced ten additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 2 male residents of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older
- 5 female residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 335 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 45,184 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 910 (2%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated January 2, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	45,184
Recovered	37,947 (84%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	769 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	6,468
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	910 (2%)
Current Hospitalizations	335
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₁	516,666
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	34,799
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	N/A
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	717

₁Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

₂Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

₃Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

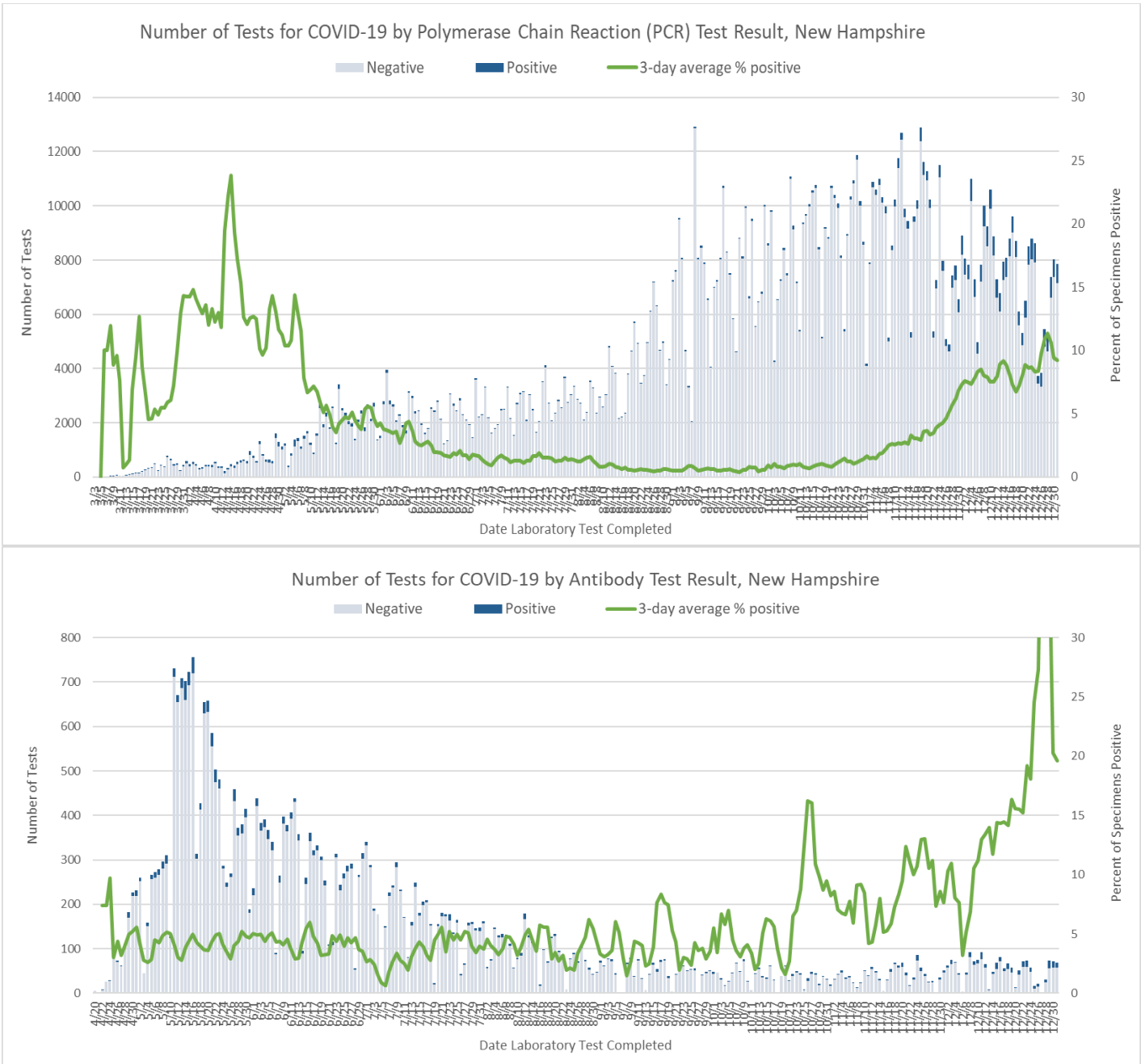
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	12/25	12/26	12/27	12/28	12/29	12/30	12/31	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	0	708	529	413	575	748	1,273	607
LabCorp	370	607	2,342	997	1,554	965	1,856	1,242
Quest Diagnostics	1,412	776	1,011	431	576	557	1,101	838
Mako Medical	695	65	69	0	262	1,169	590	407
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	586	115	322	295	859	714	854	535
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	194	432	353	440	623	643	389	439
Other Laboratory*	485	1,132	826	1,351	1,861	2,428	1,766	1,407
University of New Hampshire**	0	1	0	1,206	1,070	808	21	444
Total	3,742	3,836	5,452	5,133	7,380	8,032	7,850	5,918
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	12/25	12/26	12/27	12/28	12/29	12/30	12/31	Daily Average
LabCorp	14	1	3	0	27	19	22	12
Quest Diagnostics	36	0	0	11	25	38	24	19
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	0	5	0	6	12	7	12	6

Other Laboratory*	3	15	0	12	2	6	7	6
Total	53	21	3	29	66	70	65	44

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboratory and their contracted lab Veritas.



[NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive](#)

For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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