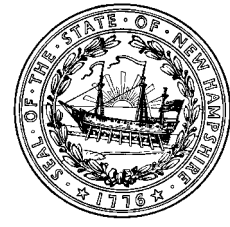


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – January 8, 2021

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

On Friday, January 8, 2021, DHHS announced 981 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 5.4%. Today's results include 654 people who tested positive by PCR test and 327 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 6,811 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **12/30: 6** new cases today, for an updated total of **1,040** cases
- **12/31: 75** new cases today, for an updated total of **1,023** cases
- **1/5: 17** new cases today, for an updated total of **758** cases
- **1/6: 455** new cases today, for an updated total of **575** cases
- **1/7: 428** 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 forty individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 54% being female and 46% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (168), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (162), Strafford (84), Merrimack (63), Cheshire (57), Belknap (44), Grafton (39), Sullivan (37), Coos (24), and Carroll (15) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (126) and Nashua (106). The county of residence is being determined for fifty-six 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 nineteen additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

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

There are currently 297 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 50,152 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated January 8, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	50,152
Recovered	42,495 (85%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	846 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	6,811
Current Hospitalizations	297
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	534,783
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	35,065
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	64,471
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	690

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.

COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Update

Phase 1a Allocation Summary through Thursday, January 7, 2021 – First Doses Only

Phase 1a Groups	Doses allocated to date	Estimated persons in group	% of needed amount allocated
Hospital health workers – High risk	20,300	20,694	98%
Hospital health workers – Moderate risk	0	5,417	0%
Ambulatory care health workers – High risk**	18,820	34,201	55%
Ambulatory care health workers – Moderate risk	0	3,963	0%
Long-term care facilities in PPP	33,150	33,150	100%
Long-term care facilities not in PPP	980	980	100%
First responders	7,080	12,890	55%
Public health workers***	520	520	100%
State reserve for outbreaks or emergency needs	1,100	1,100	100%
Total	81,950	112,915	73%

** Includes outpatient healthcare providers, dentists, home health care, K-12 school nurses, funeral services, retail pharmacists, corrections medical personnel, and homeless quarantine/isolation shelter personnel, etc.

*** Includes public health response personnel with contact with cases, contacts, or conduct testing or vaccine administration.

Vaccine Doses Allocated, Distributed, and Administered by Vaccination Site Group

Vaccination Sites	Doses Available for Site to Order ¹	Doses Distributed ²	Doses Administered to Patients
Hospitals	30,545	27,115	21,144
Long-term care pharmacy partnership program*	33,150	23,400	7,283
State-managed fixed sites	19,710	19,630	9,580

Regional public health network mobile sites	1,970	1,190	808
Other	1,450	380	407
Total	86,825	71,715	39,222

¹ Doses available for site to order are the number of doses that have been made available to the site to order.

² Doses distributed are the number of doses that the site has ordered and received at their location. Orders are based on clinic schedules and average uptake of vaccine by participants.

* The LTCF PPP is a federal program that sends pharmacies into LTCF to vaccinate residents and staff. In order for LTCF to access this program in New Hampshire, NH DHHS was required by the CDC to allocate a fixed number of doses to guarantee that pharmacies would have enough vaccine to complete vaccination administration within a four-week time frame. This program remains on schedule as originally anticipated and will be continually monitored to ensure completeness.

Phase 1a Vaccine Doses Distributed and Administered by Hospital*

Hospital ¹	Doses Distributed ²	Doses Administered to High Risk Health Workers ³
Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital	395	295
Androscoggin Valley Hospital	230	268
Catholic Medical Center	1700	1608
Cheshire Medical Center	1110	830
Concord Hospital	1610	1475
Cottage Hospital	175	164
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	5505	3299
Elliot Hospital	2520	1663
Encompass Health	145	109
Exeter Hospital	1670	1415
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	750	637
Hampstead Hospital	190	193
Huggins Hospital	300	146
Littleton Regional Hospital	260	244
Lakes Region Healthcare	800	440
Memorial hospital	375	363
Monadnock Hospital	305	198
New Hampshire Hospital	450	304
New London Hospital	310	119
Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital	770	521
Parkland Medical Center	760	572
Portsmouth Regional Hospital	1300	1277
Southern NH Medical Center	1660	1474
Speare Memorial Hospital	260	273
St. Joseph Hospital	1520	1442
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	90	70
Valley Regional Hospital	215	168
Weeks Medical Center	260	247
Wentworth Douglass Hospital	1480	1330
Total	27,115	21,144

* Currently only high risk health workers working in hospitals or hospital-affiliated practices are receiving vaccines during [Phase 1a](#).

¹ Each hospital receives a pro-rata share of vaccines available each week based on their total need.

² Doses distributed are the number of doses that the site has ordered and received at their location. Orders are based on clinic schedules and average uptake of vaccine by participants.

³ Doses administered may exceed the number of doses distributed due to the ability to get extra doses out of a vial, depending on the type of syringe used.

Note: Data presented represent doses allocated, distributed, and administered through January 7th, 2021.

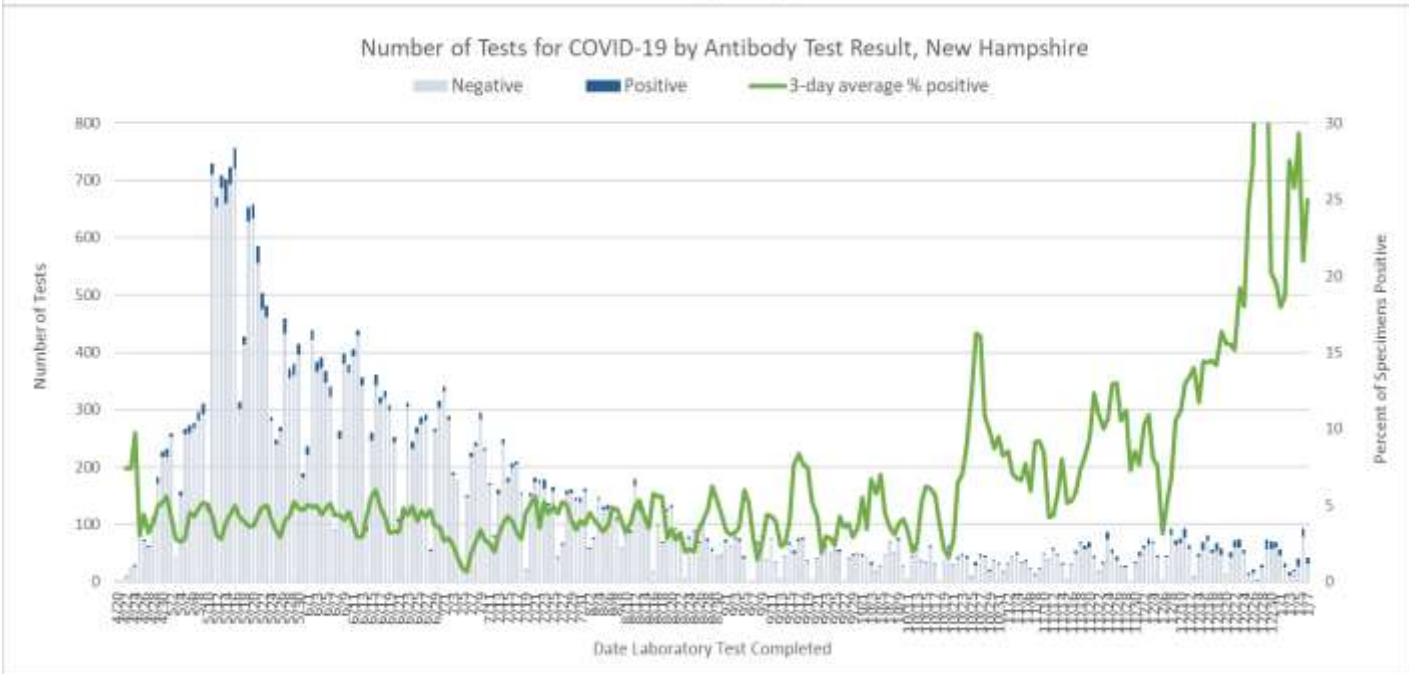
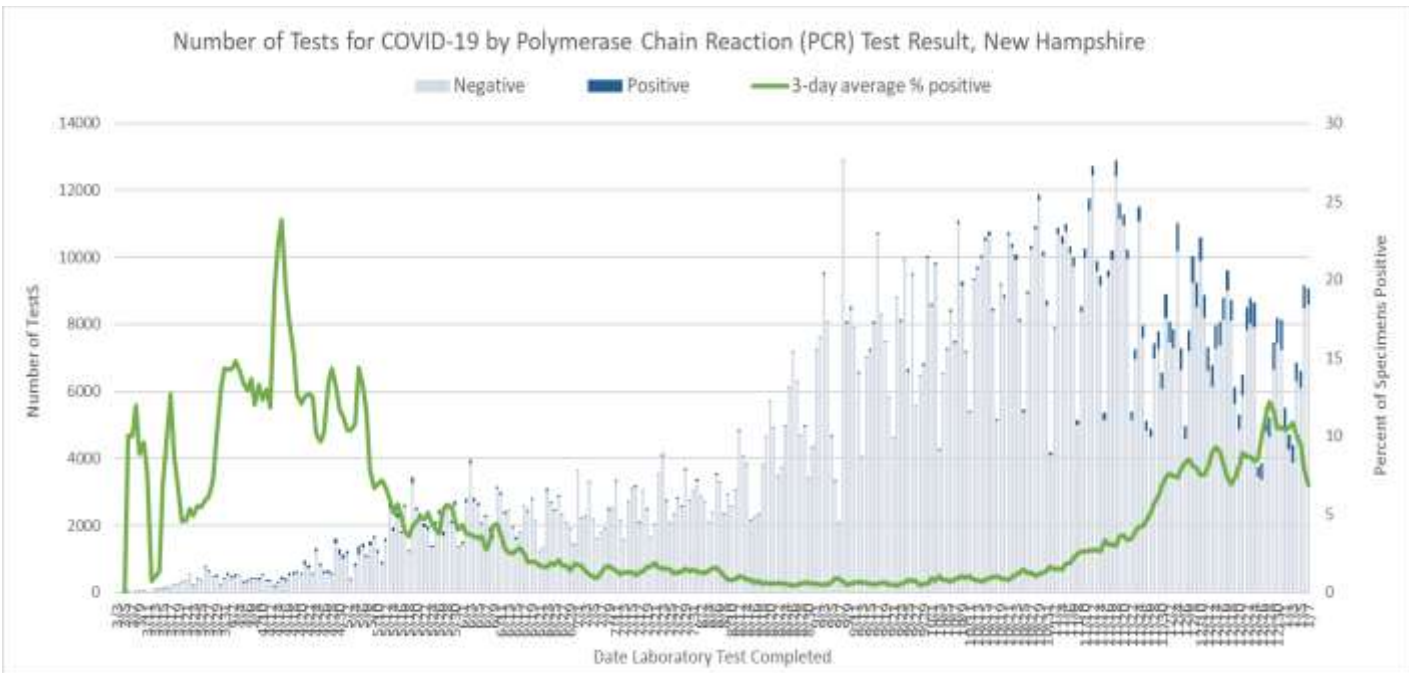
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	1/01	1/02	1/03	1/04	1/05	1/06	1/07	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	0	895	315	366	614	1,014	881	584
LabCorp	1,318	1,332	1,051	1,077	845	1,019	1,159	1,114
Quest Diagnostics	866	529	963	756	369	694	983	737
Mako Medical	407	49	188	2	140	407	781	282
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	654	403	417	433	136	1,095	0	448
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	403	253	303	465	453	448	393	388
Other Laboratory*	1,851	1,248	1,160	2,243	2,737	3,759	3,648	2,378
University of New Hampshire**	0	0	0	1,532	1,319	717	1,214	683
Total	5,499	4,709	4,397	6,874	6,613	9,153	9,059	6,615
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	1/01	1/02	1/03	1/04	1/05	1/06	1/07	Daily Average
LabCorp	15	1	7	0	3	32	0	8
Quest Diagnostics	36	11	10	8	19	44	32	23
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	0	1	0	6	0	10	0	2
Other Laboratory*	1	17	0	6	11	7	7	7
Total	52	30	17	20	33	93	39	41

* 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 laboartory 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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