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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – May 23, 2020

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, May 23, 2020, DHHS announced 77 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 4,089 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. 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 three individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 55% being female and 45% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (19), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (18), Merrimack (6), and Strafford (4), Belknap (1), Grafton (1), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (25) and Nashua (2).

Eleven new hospitalized cases were identified for a total of 419 (10%) of 4,089 cases. Thirteen of the new cases have no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Most of the remaining cases have either had travel to domestic or international locations or have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

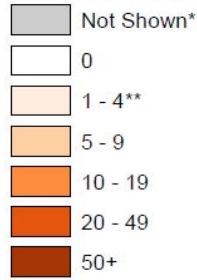
DHHS has also announced four additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 2 male residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 adult male resident of Hillsborough County, less than 60 years of age
- 1 female resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

Current Situation in New Hampshire

Total Current COVID-19 Cases in New Hampshire as of 5/23/2020 (n=1,684)

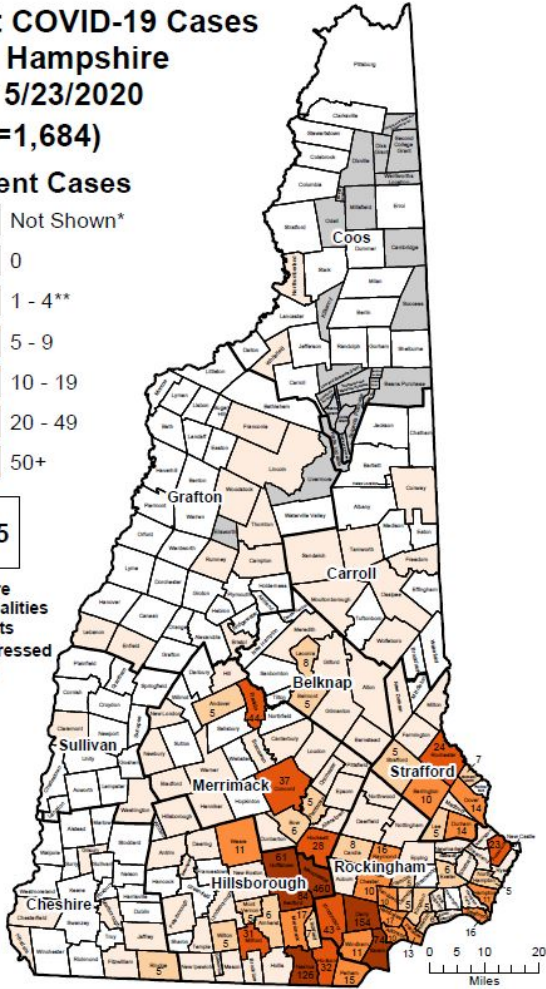
Current Cases



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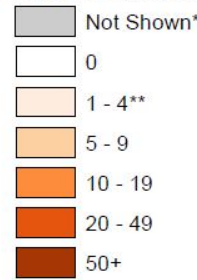
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COVID-19 in New Hampshire Positive Test Results 3/1/2020 - 5/23/2020 (n=4,089)

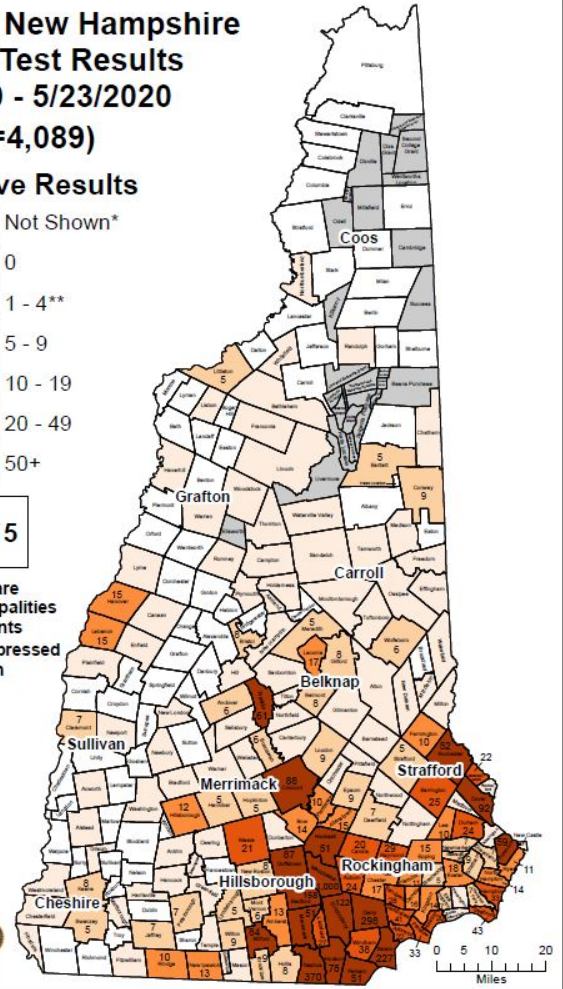
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New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated May 23, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19 ₁	4,089
Recovered	2,197 (54%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	208 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	1,684
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	419 (10%)
Current Hospitalizations	93
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	59,539
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	9,062
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	20,729
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	1,844
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	4,100

County	Cases
Belknap	55
Carroll	46
Cheshire	51
Coos	4
Grafton	69
Hillsborough - Other	679
Hillsborough - Manchester	1000
Hillsborough - Nashua	370
Merrimack	312
Rockingham	1218
Strafford	253
Sullivan	17
County TBD	15
Grand Total	4089

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.

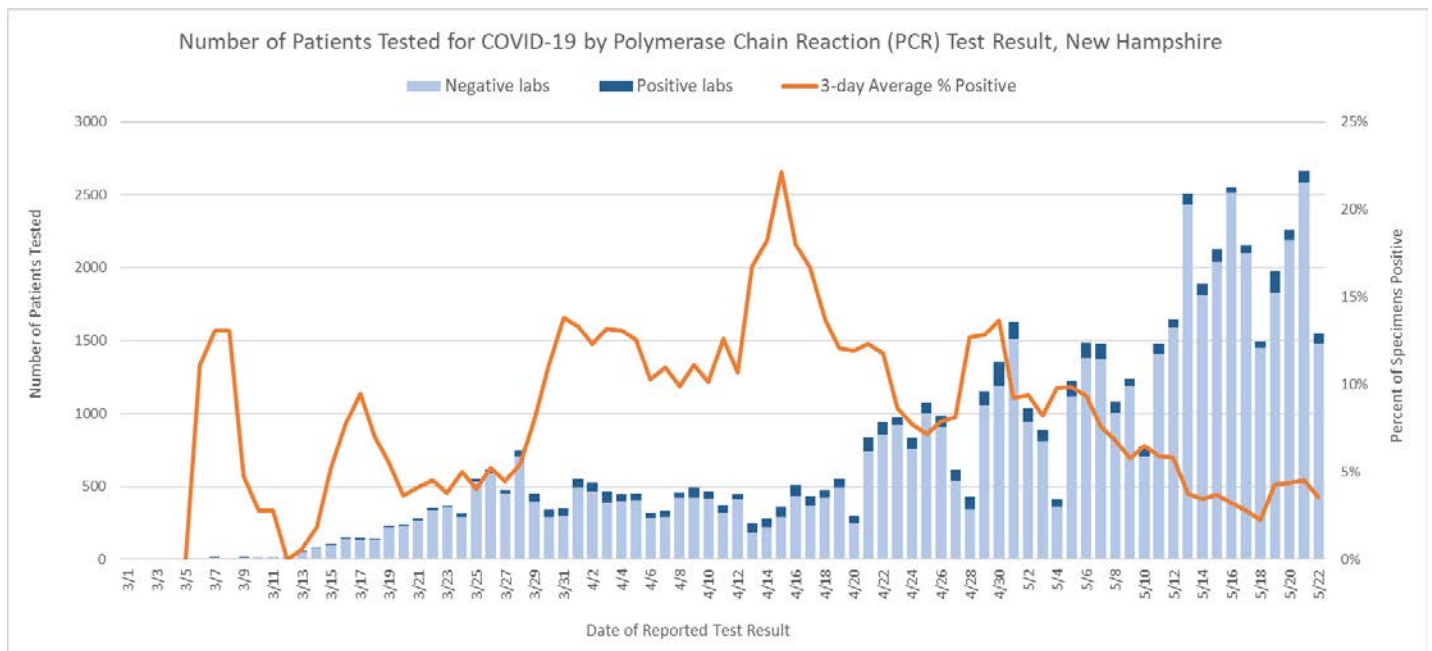
Number of Specimens Tested by Date of Report to NH DHHS

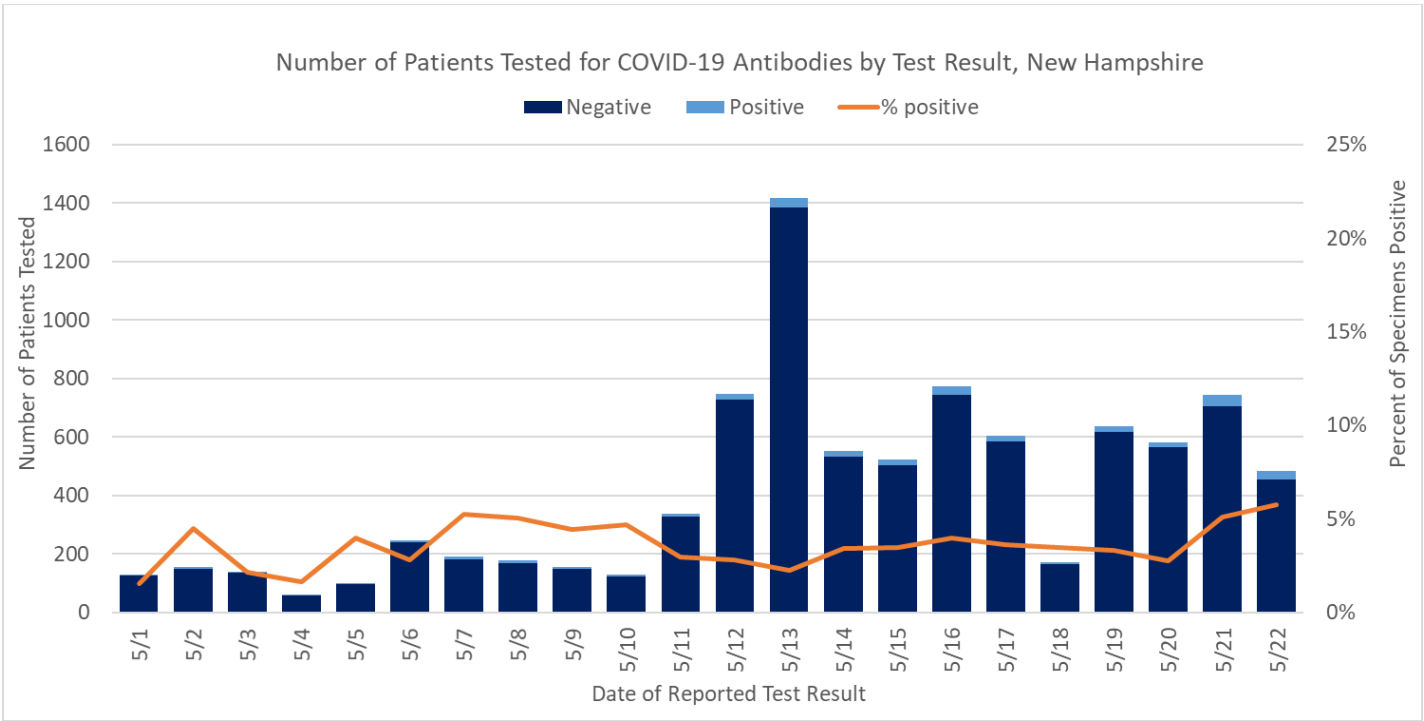
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	5/16	5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20	5/21	5/22	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	700	970	328	425	470	738	598	604
LabCorp	588	395	318	507	502	459	256	432
Quest Diagnostics	816	501	574	735	845	1086	502	723
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	268	149	56	31	194	154	155	144
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	154	122	198	239	227	191	n/a**	189
Other Laboratory*	27	19	16	41	20	34	39	28
Total	2553	2156	1490	1978	2258	2662	1550	2092

Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	5/16	5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20	5/21	5/22	Daily Average
LabCorp	43	39	0	6	35	94	47	38
Quest Diagnostics	712	556	166	628	535	640	425	523
Other Laboratory*	20	11	6	3	11	9	12	10
Total	775	606	172	637	581	743	484	571

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

** Not available at the time of this report.





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

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