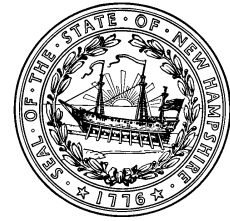


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 17, 2020

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, October 17, 2020, DHHS announced 112 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 1.2%. Today’s results include 81 people who tested positive by PCR test and 31 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 937 current COVID-19 cases 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 twenty-one 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 (24), Merrimack (22), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (12), Strafford (4), Grafton (3), Belknap (2), Coos (2), Carrol (1), Cheshire (1), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (21) and Nashua (12). The county of residence is being determined for seven new cases.

No new hospitalized cases were reported. There are currently 18 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Three of the new cases had no identified risk factors. 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 one additional death related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 1 female resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 9,625 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 761 (8%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated October 17, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19,	9,625
Recovered	8,222 (85%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	466 (5%)

Total Current COVID-19 Cases	937
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	761 (8%)
Current Hospitalizations	18
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	311,615
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	31,731
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	49,463
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	423
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	4,000

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, Mako, certain hospital laboratories, the University of New Hampshire and their contracted laboratory, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

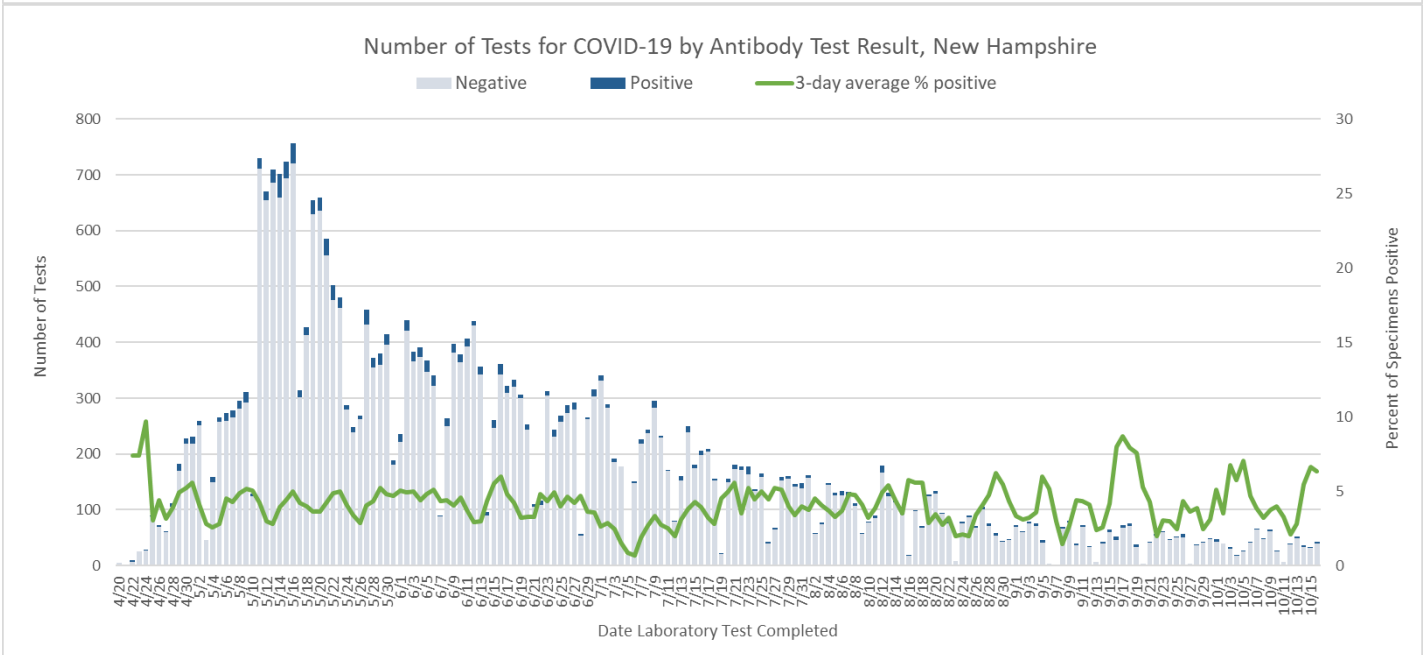
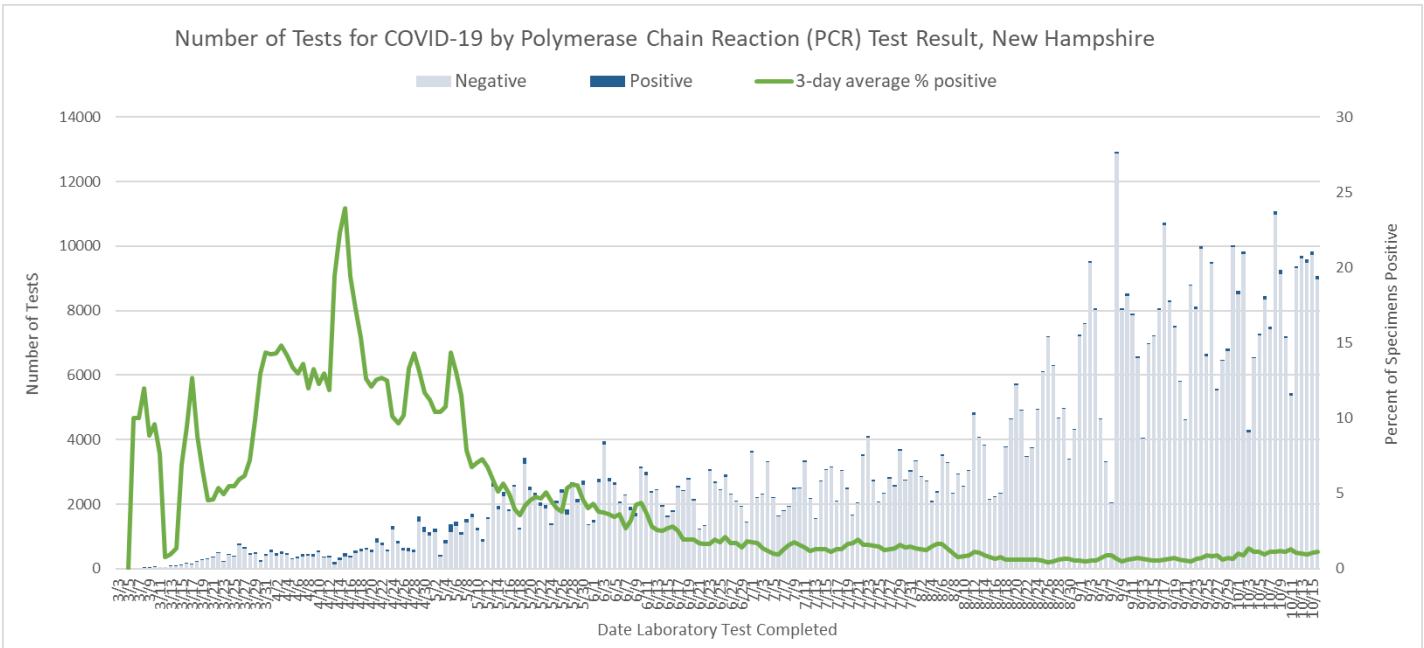
₃Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	979	633	1,149	718	362	777	1,043	809
LabCorp	715	1,241	405	1,009	1,071	936	519	842
Quest Diagnostics	1,371	2,769	2,431	1,355	1,833	1,217	1,244	1,746
Mako Medical	7	0	27	0	0	73	13	17
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	847	215	86	760	1,057	867	701	648
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	225	241	290	399	374	424	305	323
Other Laboratory*	162	334	734	1,568	1,450	1,629	1,666	1,078
University of New Hampshire**	2,902	3	4,251	3,893	3,448	3,908	3,573	3,140
Total	7,208	5,436	9,373	9,702	9,595	9,831	9,064	8,601
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	Daily Average
LabCorp	11	3	0	8	5	6	0	5
Quest Diagnostics	15	4	27	24	23	20	28	20
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	1	0	3	11	7	6	12	6
Other Laboratory*	0	0	9	7	2	1	0	3
Total	27	7	39	50	37	33	40	33

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

** 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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