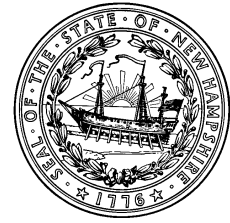


NH Department of Health and Human Services  
129 Pleasant Street - State Office Park South  
Concord, NH 03301



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**October 18, 2020**

**CONTACT**  
**State Joint Information Center**  
**603-223-6169**  
[jic@dos.nh.gov](mailto:jic@dos.nh.gov)

## **NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 18, 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 Sunday, October 18, 2020, DHHS announced 70 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 0.7%. Today's results include 58 people who tested positive by PCR test and 12 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 971 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 twelve individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 47% being female and 53% being male. The new cases reside in Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (15), Rockingham (14), Merrimack (9), Belknap (3), Strafford (3), Coos (2), Cheshire (1), Grafton (1), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (12) and Nashua (6). The county of residence is being determined for three new cases.

No new hospitalized cases were reported. There are currently 17 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. None 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 have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

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

- 1 male resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older

In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 9,694 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 18, 2020, 9:00 AM)**

NH Persons with COVID-19,	9,694
Recovered	8,256 (85%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	467 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	971

Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	761 (8%)
Current Hospitalizations	17
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) <sub>2</sub>	313,364
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests <sub>2</sub>	31,764
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	49,584
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL <sub>3</sub>	883
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	4,100

<sub>1</sub>Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

<sub>2</sub>Includes 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.

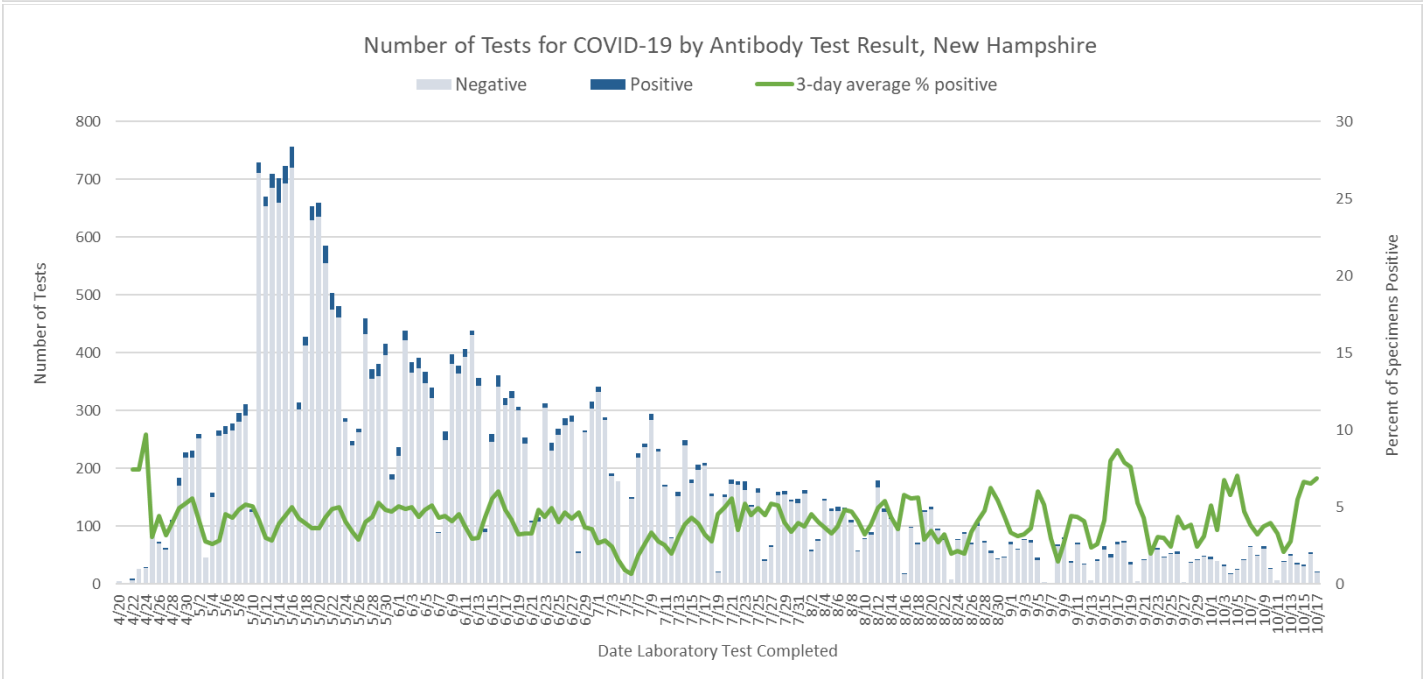
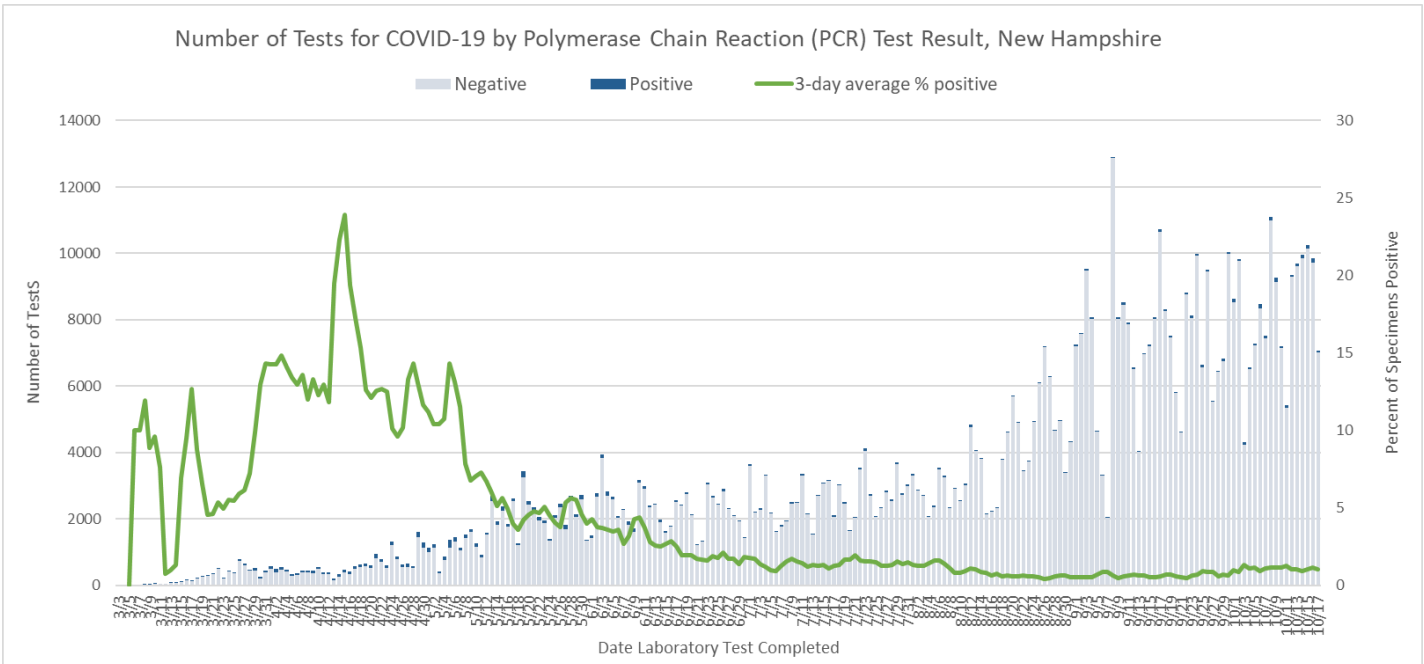
<sub>3</sub>Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

## Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	633	1,149	718	362	777	1,043	693	768
LabCorp	1,241	405	1,009	1,073	937	1,048	398	873
Quest Diagnostics	2,769	2,431	1,355	1,833	1,217	1,307	1,492	1,772
Mako Medical	0	27	0	0	73	13	14	18
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	215	77	760	1,057	867	701	957	662
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	241	289	399	374	424	358	295	340
Other Laboratory*	334	734	1,569	1,450	1,629	1,816	1,279	1,259
University of New Hampshire**	3	4,249	3,894	3,804	4,339	3,574	1,948	3,116
Total	5,436	9,361	9,704	9,953	10,263	9,860	7,076	8,808
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	Daily Average
LabCorp	3	0	8	5	6	6	0	4
Quest Diagnostics	4	27	24	23	20	29	16	20
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	0	3	11	7	6	12	3	6
Other Laboratory*	0	9	7	2	1	6	3	4
Total	7	39	50	37	33	53	22	34

\* 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>.

###