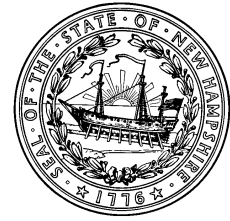


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 23, 2020

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

On Friday, October 23, 2020, DHHS announced 120 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 1.3%. Today's results include 87 people who tested positive by PCR test and 33 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 896 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 fourteen individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 50% being female and 50% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (32), Merrimack (16), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (14), Belknap (8), Strafford (8), Sullivan (3), Cheshire (2), Grafton (2), Carroll (1), and Coos (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (18) and Manchester (14). The county of residence is being determined for one new case.

No new hospitalized cases were reported. There are currently 15 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Two 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 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 10,112 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 765 (8%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

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

NH Persons with COVID-19:	10,112
Recovered	8,745 (86%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	471 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	896

Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	765 (8%)
Current Hospitalizations	15
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	326,151
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	31,919
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	50,931
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	222
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	4,325

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.

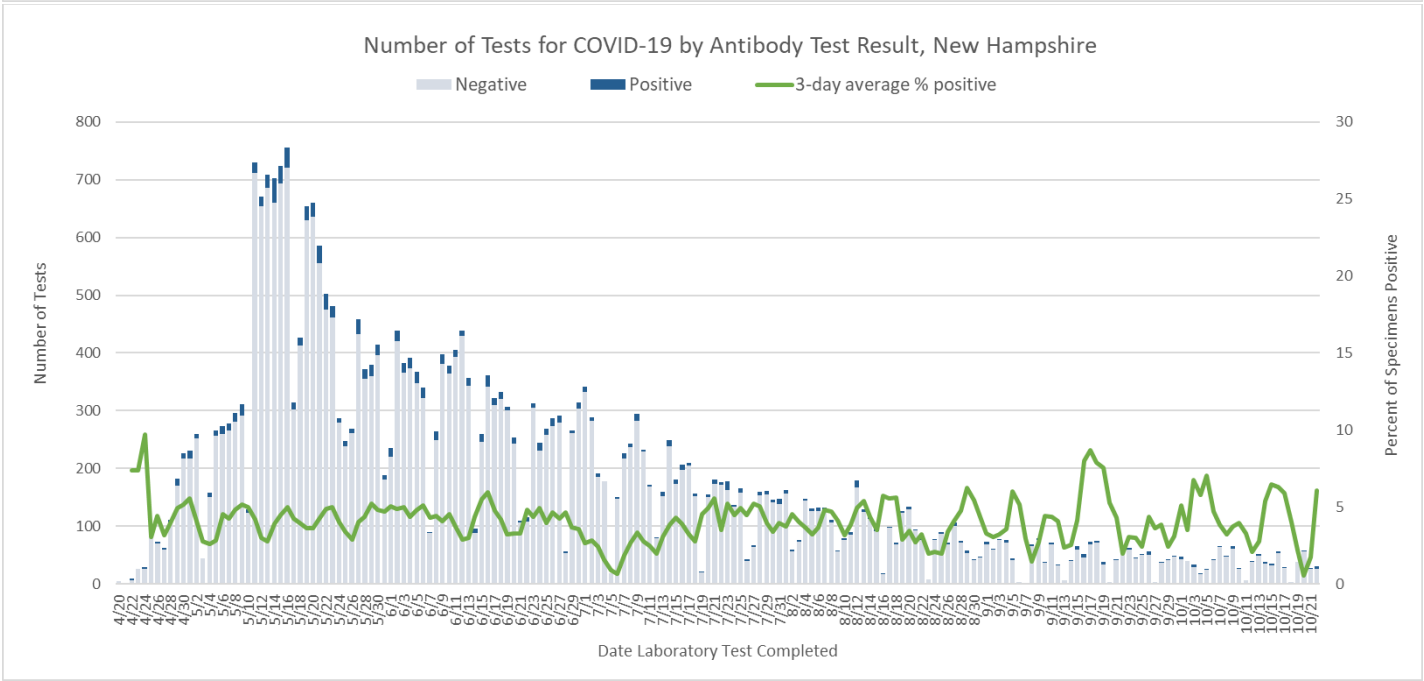
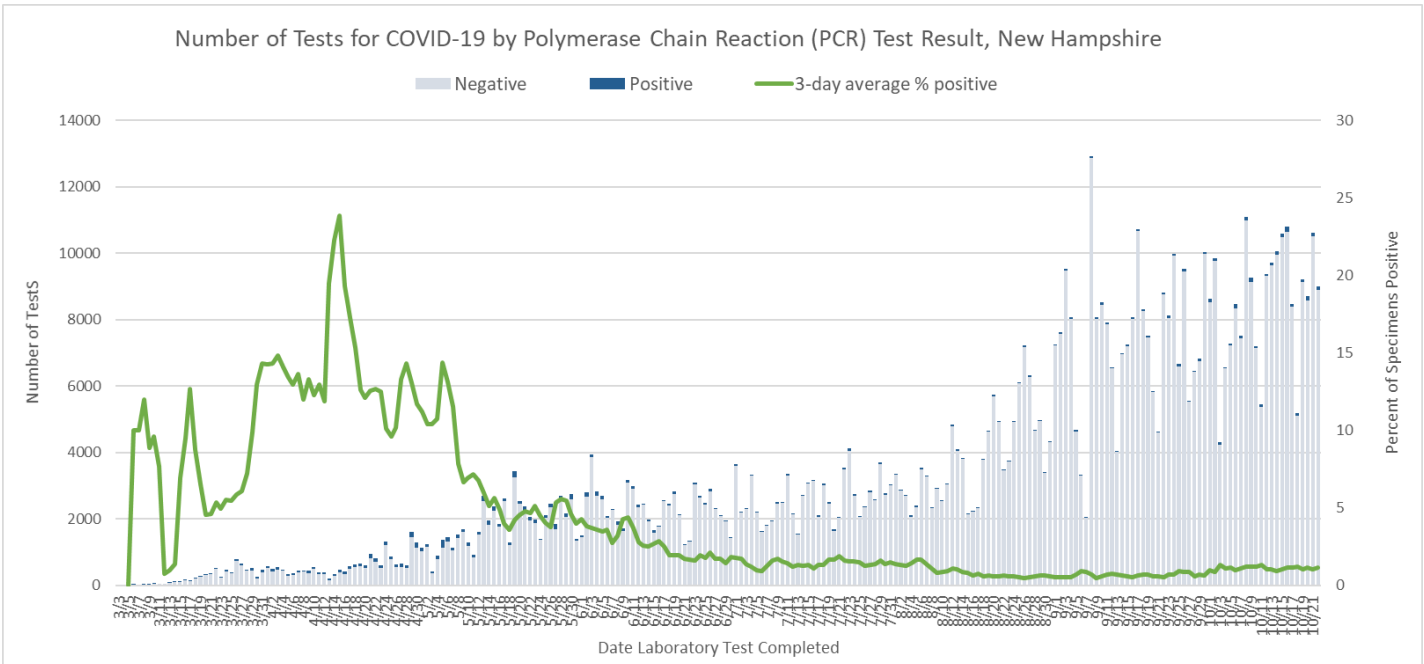
₃Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	1,043	693	846	888	687	850	656	809
LabCorp	1,047	988	872	239	996	1,016	456	802
Quest Diagnostics	1,308	1,574	1,935	2,404	1,050	1,406	1,133	1,544
Mako Medical	13	14	0	0	0	23	141	27
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	701	957	215	157	513	870	658	582
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	358	326	138	304	428	442	380	339
Other Laboratory*	2,329	1,930	400	944	1,672	1,684	1,833	1,542
University of New Hampshire**	3,992	1,992	768	4,285	3,351	4,331	3,744	3,209
Total	10,791	8,474	5,174	9,221	8,697	10,622	9,001	8,854
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	Daily Average
LabCorp	6	6	0	2	7	9	0	4
Quest Diagnostics	29	18	2	16	34	14	18	19
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	12	3	1	4	9	2	8	6
Other Laboratory*	7	3	0	13	7	3	5	5
Total	54	30	3	35	57	28	31	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>.

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