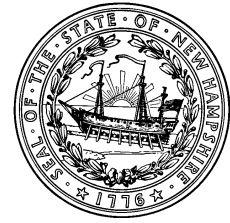


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## **NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 4, 2020**

**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, December 4, 2020, DHHS announced 782 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 4.3%. Today's results include 507 people who tested positive by PCR test and 275 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 4,720 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today, 29 new positive test results are from Monday, 11/30 (for a new daily total of 650 cases); 74 new positive results are from Tuesday, 12/1 (for a new daily total of 639); 158 cases are from Wednesday, 12/2 (for a new daily total of 783); and 521 cases are from Thursday, 12/3. Test results are still being processed and the total number of new positives 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 ninety-six individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 48% being female and 52% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (178), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (120), Merrimack (100), Strafford (52), Belknap (27), Cheshire (27), Carroll (20), Grafton (12), Sullivan (10), and Coos (6) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (127) and Nashua (77). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-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 have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

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

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

There are currently 159 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 23,690 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 844 (4%) of those having been hospitalized.

**Current Situation in New Hampshire**

**New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report  
(data updated December 4, 2020, 9:00 AM)**

NH Persons with COVID-19 <sub>1</sub>	23,690
Recovered	18,418 (78%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	552 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	4,720
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	844 (4%)
Current Hospitalizations	159
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) <sub>2</sub>	433,764
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests <sub>2</sub>	33,462
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	58,052
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL <sub>3</sub>	1,453
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	9,550

<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, 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.

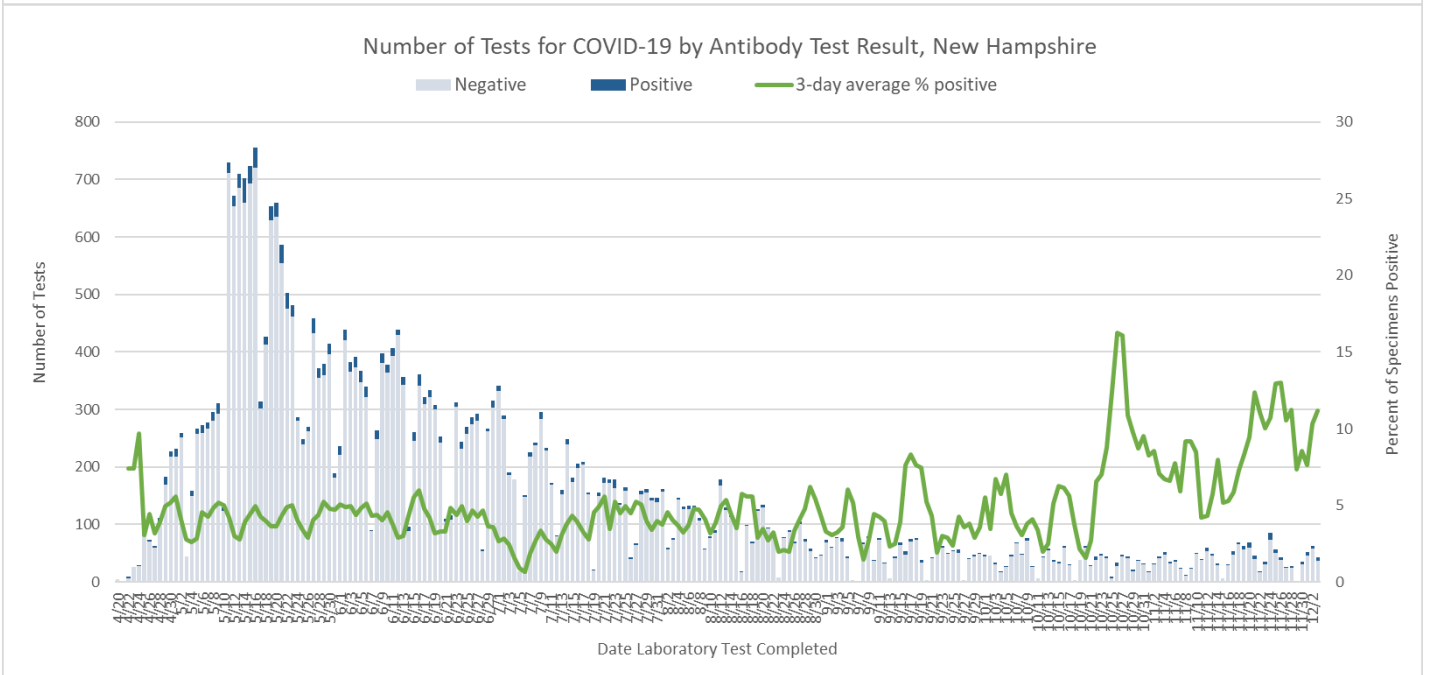
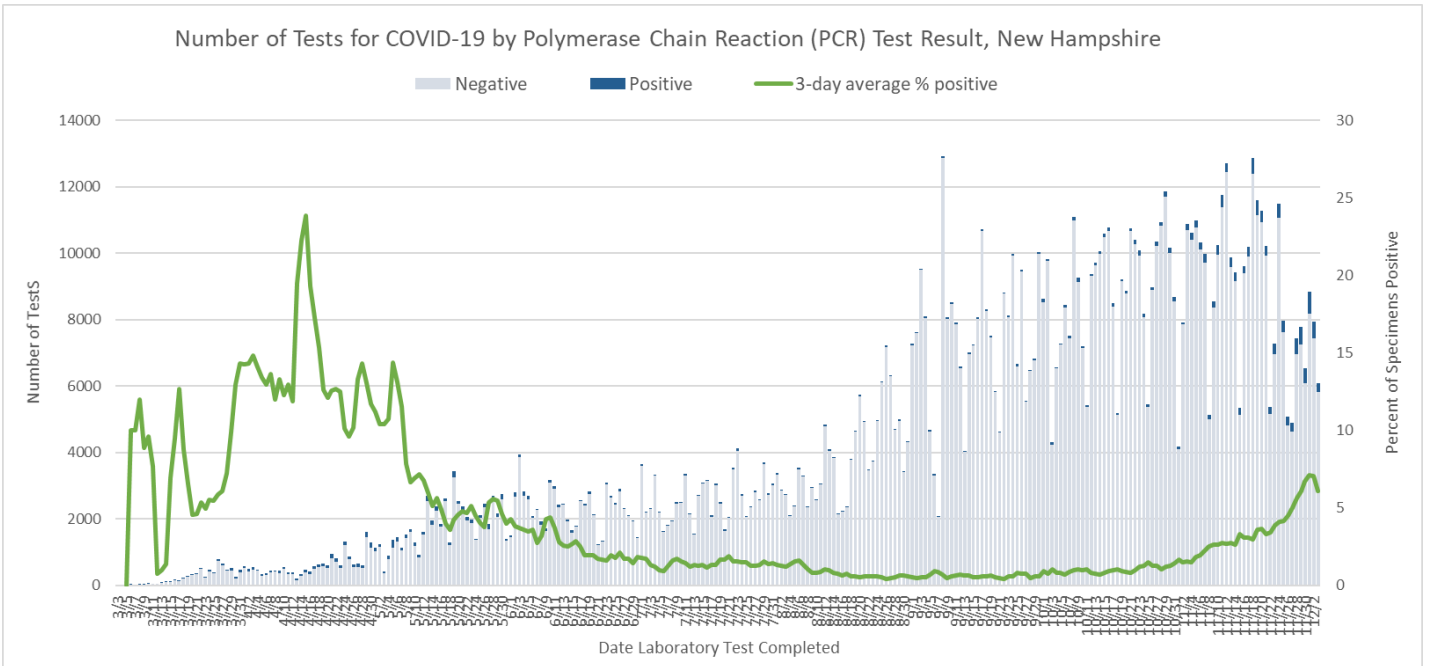
**Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS**

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
	11/27	11/28	11/29	11/30	12/01	12/02	12/03	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	1,126	1,042	1,743	779	1,183	1,163	1,277	1,188
LabCorp	850	1,852	1,345	848	1,607	1,234	570	1,187
Quest Diagnostics	942	1,830	2,871	1,967	1,486	1,006	1,111	1,602
Mako Medical	110	398	316	151	4	189	191	194
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	257	555	348	339	595	884	2	426
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	454	509	377	452	628	642	294	479
Other Laboratory*	778	1,148	789	1,247	2,130	2,076	1,092	1,323
University of New Hampshire**	369	103	1	763	1,202	757	1,547	677
Total	4,886	7,437	7,790	6,546	8,835	7,951	6,084	7,076
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
	11/27	11/28	11/29	11/30	12/01	12/02	12/03	Daily Average
LabCorp	1	8	1	0	13	8	0	4
Quest Diagnostics	7	19	1	7	23	29	36	17
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	3	1	0	6	2	5	0	2

Other Laboratory*	9	0	0	20	10	15	6	9
Total	20	28	2	33	48	57	42	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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