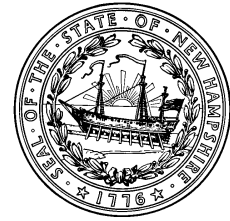


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 5, 2020

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, December 5, 2020, DHHS announced 457 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 5.5%. Today's results include 371 people who tested positive by PCR test and 86 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 4,545 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today, 12 new positive test results are from Monday, 11/30 (for a new daily total of 659 cases); 77 new positive results are from Tuesday, 12/1 (for a new daily total of 715 cases); 32 cases are from Thursday, 12/3 (for a new daily total of 551 cases); and 336 cases are from Friday, 12/4. Test results for previous days are still being processed and the total number of new positives is 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 sixty-two individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 54% being female and 46% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (91), Merrimack (71), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (44), Cheshire (26), Belknap (25), Strafford (24), Carroll (21), Grafton (12), Sullivan (6), and Coos (4) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (66) and Nashua (52). The county of residence is being determined for fifteen 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 seven additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 3 male residents of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Belknap County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Coos Country, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 146 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 24,138 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 847 (4%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated December 5, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19 ₁	24,138
Recovered	19,034 (79%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	559 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	4,545
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	847 (4%)
Current Hospitalizations	146
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	437,553
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	33,528
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	N/A
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	1,942

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.

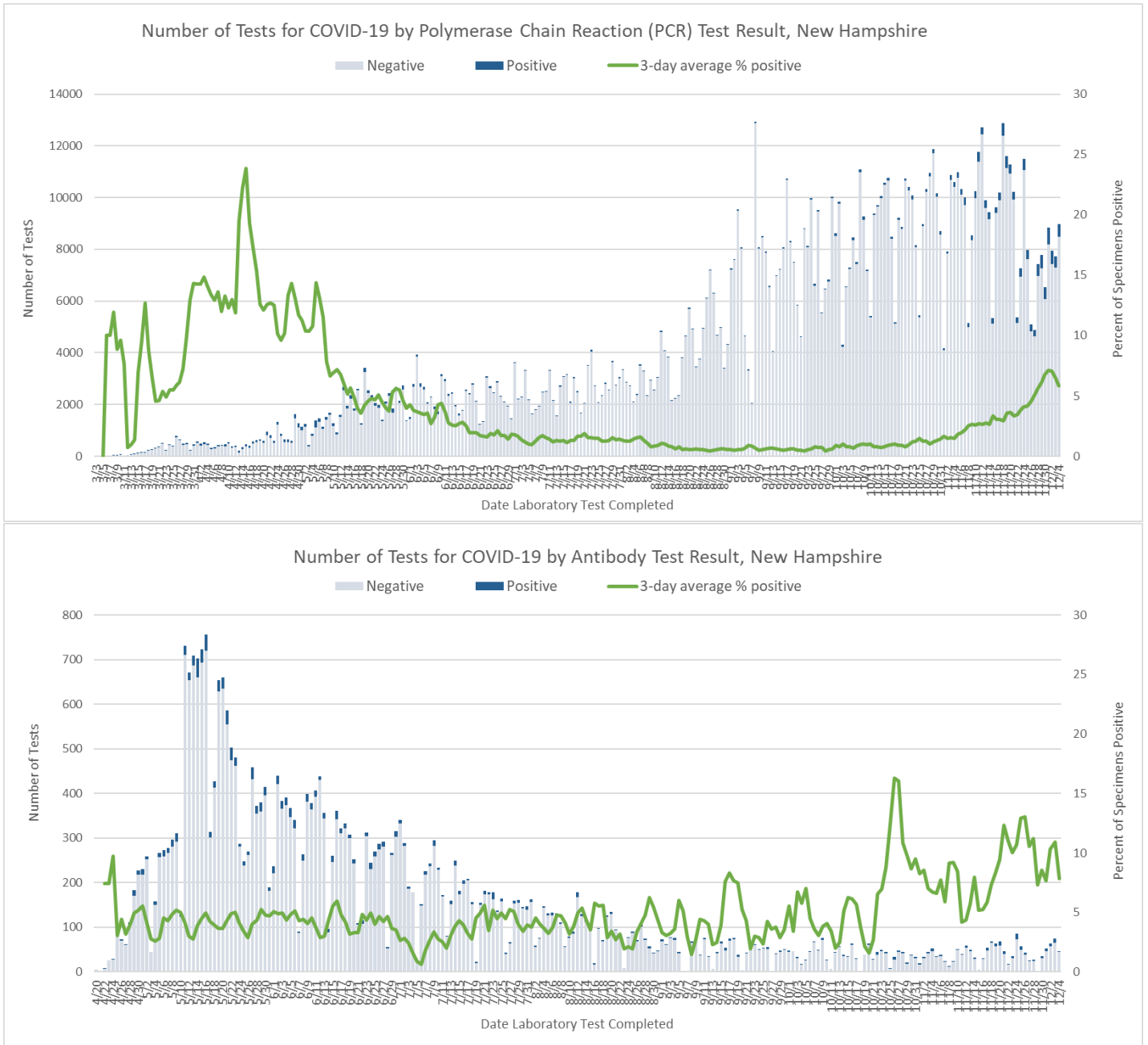
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
	11/28	11/29	11/30	12/01	12/02	12/03	12/04	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	1,042	1,744	779	1,183	1,163	1,277	1,087	1,182
LabCorp	1,852	1,345	848	1,607	1,234	832	1,609	1,332
Quest Diagnostics	1,830	2,871	1,967	1,486	1,007	1,192	1,517	1,696
Mako Medical	398	316	151	4	189	191	398	235
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	555	348	339	595	884	740	0	494
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	509	377	452	629	643	458	540	515
Other Laboratory*	1,150	790	1,247	2,130	2,078	1,482	2,043	1,560
University of New Hampshire**	103	1	763	1,202	757	1,547	1,769	877
Total	7,439	7,792	6,546	8,836	7,955	7,719	8,963	7,893
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
	11/28	11/29	11/30	12/01	12/02	12/03	12/04	Daily Average
LabCorp	8	1	0	13	8	13	0	6
Quest Diagnostics	19	1	7	23	29	38	32	21
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	1	0	6	2	5	13	0	4
Other Laboratory*	0	0	20	10	15	9	5	8

	Total	28	2	33	48	57	73	37	40
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* 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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