NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 8, 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 Tuesday, December 8, 2020, DHHS announced 807 new positive test results for COVID-19 and a daily PCR test positivity rate of 5.4%. Today’s results include 527 people who tested positive by PCR test and 280 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 5,818 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Included in the results reported today are cases from the following days:

- 12/3: 91 new cases today, for an updated total of 889
- 12/4: 222 new cases today, for an updated total of 852
- 12/6: 226 new cases today, for an updated total of 526
- 12/7: 268 new cases today, for a total of 268

Test results for previous days are still being processed and the total number of new positives for those days 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 eighty-five individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 52% being female and 48% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (262), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (145), Merrimack (93), Strafford (68), Belknap (24), Cheshire (21), Grafton (19), Carrol (14), Coos (12), and Sullivan (5) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (89) and Nashua (35). The county of residence is being determined for twenty 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 either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or have recently traveled.

There are currently 211 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 26,623 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 849 (3%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated December 8, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19: 26,623
### Recovered
20,239 (76%)

### Deaths Attributed to COVID-19
566 (2%)

### Total Current COVID-19 Cases
5,818

### Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19
849 (3%)

### Current Hospitalizations
211

### Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
446,689

### Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests
33,615

### Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL
58,936

### Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL
3,336

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1. Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.
2. 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.
3. Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

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

#### Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests

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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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