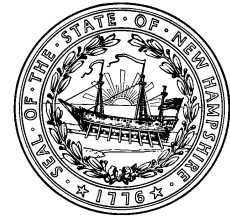


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 8, 2020

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) ₂	446,689
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	33,615
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	58,936
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	336

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.

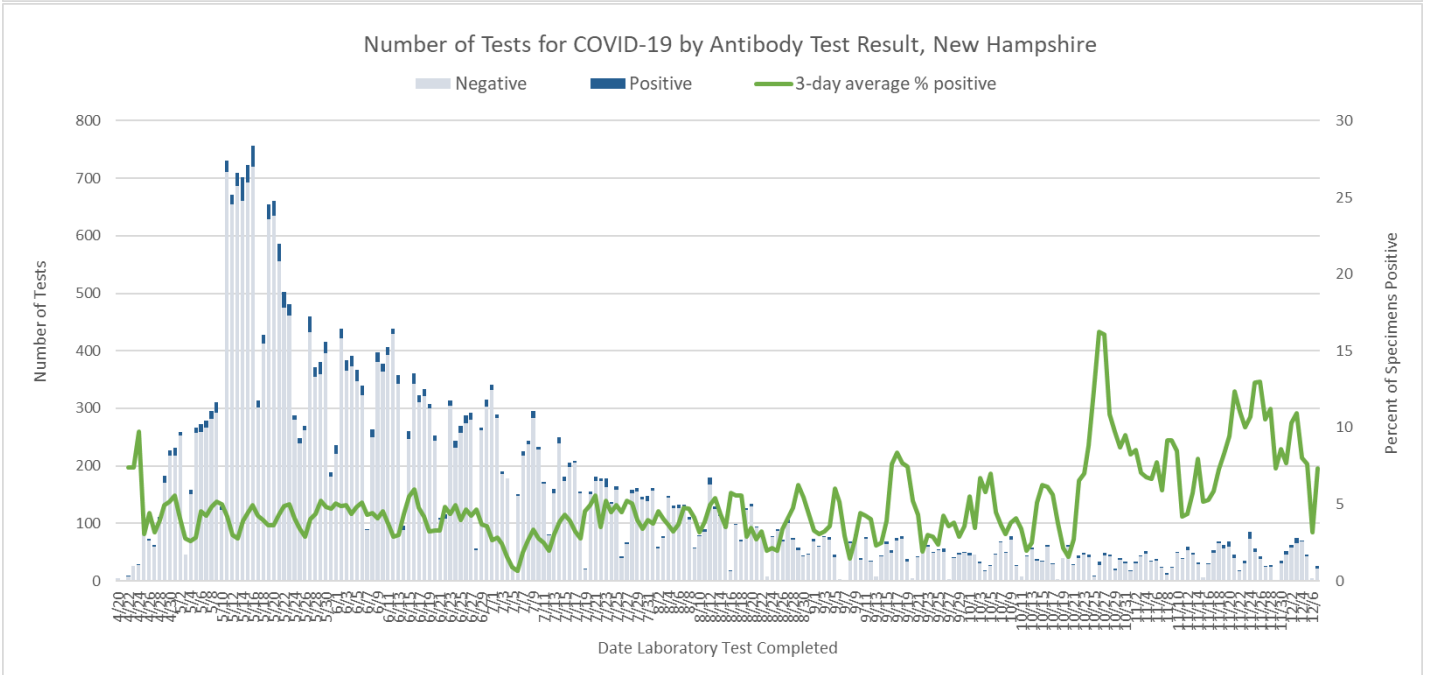
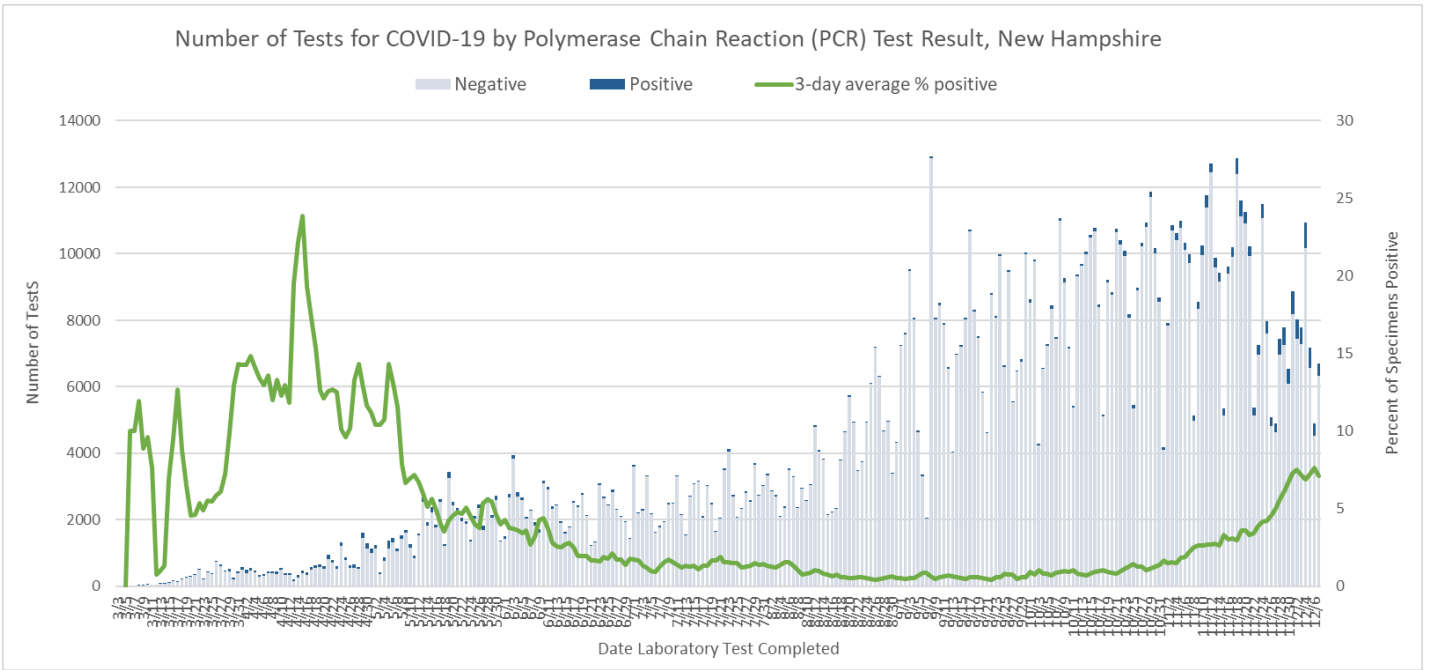
₃Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
	12/01	12/02	12/03	12/04	12/05	12/06	12/07	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	1,184	1,163	1,277	1,087	1,499	820	1,172	1,172
LabCorp	1,607	1,234	832	1,847	1,393	1,000	1,538	1,350
Quest Diagnostics	1,488	1,008	1,192	1,670	1,642	1,198	849	1,292
Mako Medical	4	189	191	398	183	99	201	181
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	595	884	740	879	601	507	2	601
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	633	651	464	698	272	372	313	486
Other Laboratory*	2,157	2,148	1,539	2,589	1,582	890	664	1,653
University of New Hampshire**	1,202	757	1,547	1,769	1	0	1,956	1,033
Total	8,870	8,034	7,782	10,937	7,173	4,886	6,695	7,768
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
	12/01	12/02	12/03	12/04	12/05	12/06	12/07	Daily Average
LabCorp	13	8	13	9	21	0	0	9
Quest Diagnostics	23	29	38	35	23	1	8	22
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	2	5	13	7	1	1	0	4
Other Laboratory*	10	15	9	11	0	2	15	9
Total	48	57	73	62	45	4	23	45

* 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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