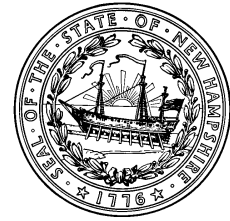


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 9, 2020

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

On Wednesday, December 9, 2020, DHHS announced 1,006 new positive test results for COVID-19 and a daily PCR test positivity rate of 5.4%. Today's results include 650 people who tested positive by PCR test and 356 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 6,509 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Included in the results reported today are cases from the following days:

- **12/4:** 87 new cases today, for an updated total of **938**
- **12/5:** 197 new cases today, for an updated total of **682**
- **12/6:** 86 new cases today, for an updated total of **611**
- **12/7:** 190 new cases today, for an updated total of **458**
- **12/8:** 446 new cases today, for a total of **446**

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 one hundred and two individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 53% being female and 47% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (248), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (190), Merrimack (94), Strafford (69), Belknap (54), Grafton (22), Cheshire (18), Carrol (17), Coos (8), and Sullivan (5) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (142) and Nashua (98). The county of residence is being determined for forty-one 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 are associated with an outbreak setting.

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

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

There are currently 232 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 27,592 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 851 (3%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

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

NH Persons with COVID-19 ₁	27,592
Recovered	20,513 (74%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	570 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	6,509
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	851 (3%)
Current Hospitalizations	232
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	449,993
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	33,686
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	59,185
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	1,220

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.

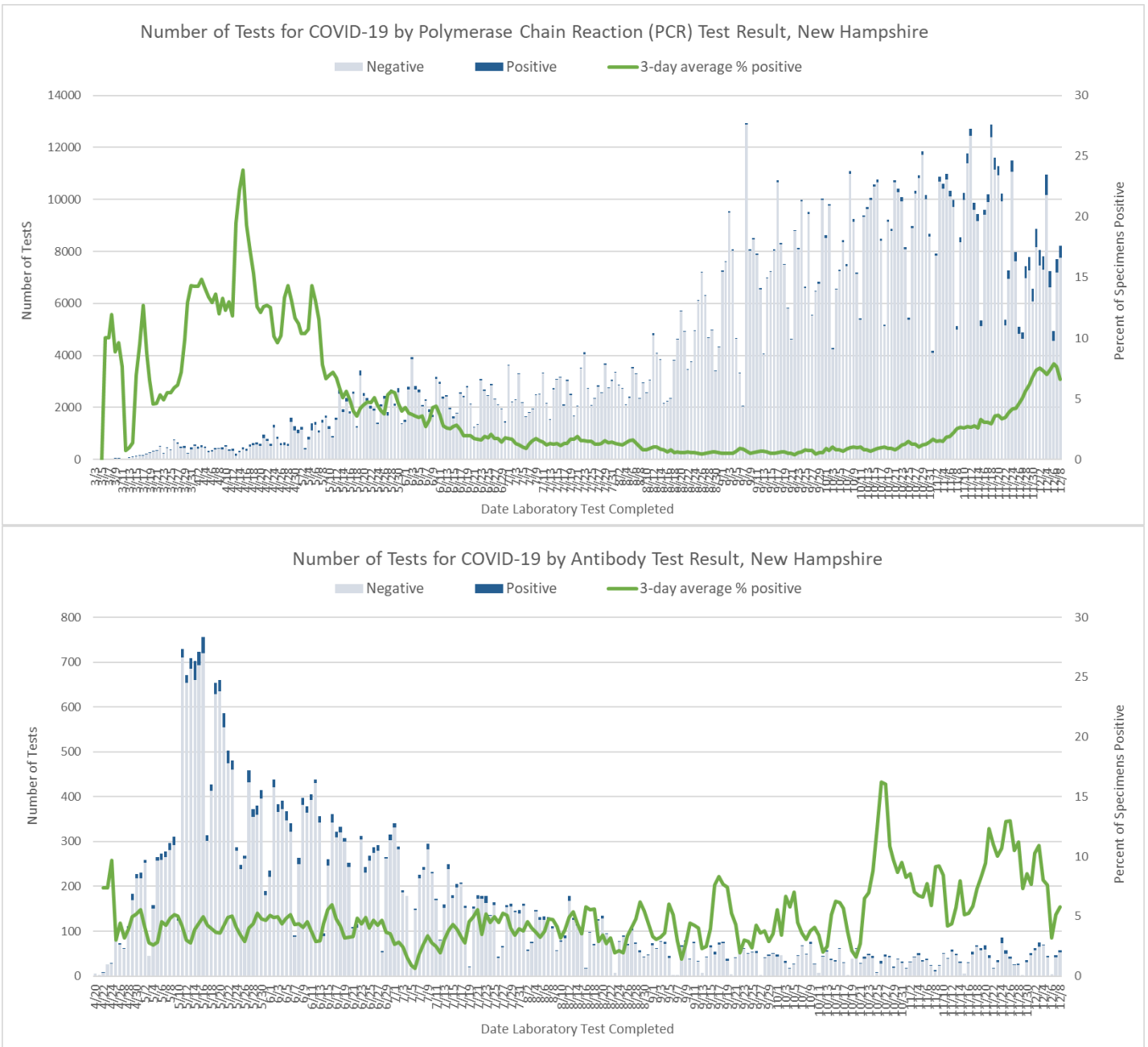
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
	12/02	12/03	12/04	12/05	12/06	12/07	12/08	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	1,163	1,277	1,087	1,499	820	1,173	1,700	1,246
LabCorp	1,234	832	1,846	1,397	1,000	1,564	1,486	1,337
Quest Diagnostics	1,008	1,192	1,670	1,642	1,199	898	1,183	1,256
Mako Medical	189	191	398	183	99	201	5	181
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	907	741	879	636	507	231	3	558
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	651	472	702	300	426	485	487	503
Other Laboratory*	2,149	1,553	2,607	1,594	899	1,192	1,810	1,686
University of New Hampshire**	757	1,547	1,769	1	0	1,956	1,539	1,081
Total	8,058	7,805	10,958	7,252	4,950	7,700	8,213	7,848
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
	12/02	12/03	12/04	12/05	12/06	12/07	12/08	Daily Average
LabCorp	8	13	9	21	0	0	0	7

Quest Diagnostics	29	38	35	23	1	9	40	25
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	5	13	7	1	1	12	3	6
Other Laboratory*	15	9	11	0	2	21	8	9
Total	57	73	62	45	4	42	51	48

* 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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