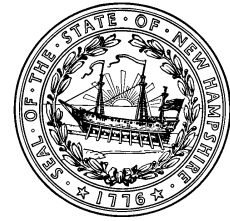


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 12, 2020

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 12, 2020, DHHS announced 791 new positive test results for COVID-19 and a daily PCR test positivity rate of 4.6%. Today's results include 505 people who tested positive by PCR test and 286 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 6,598 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **12/7:** 4 new cases today, for an updated total of **808** cases
- **12/8:** 165 new cases today, for an updated total of **951** cases
- **12/9:** 107 new cases today, for an updated total of **518** cases
- **12/10:** 128 new cases today, for an updated total of **777** cases
- **12/11:** **387** new cases

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 ninety-three individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 50% being female and 50% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (234), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (130), Merrimack (74), Strafford (44), Cheshire (43), Belknap (36), Grafton (19), Carrol (18), Coos (10), and Sullivan (10) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (79) and Nashua (59). The county of residence is being determined for thirty-five 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 ten 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
- 3 female residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 3 female residents of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 247 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 30,244 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 857 (3%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated December 12, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19 ¹	30,244
Recovered	23,046 (76%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	600 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	6,598
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	857 (3%)
Current Hospitalizations	247
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ²	461,629
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ²	33,897
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	N/A
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ³	1,971

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.

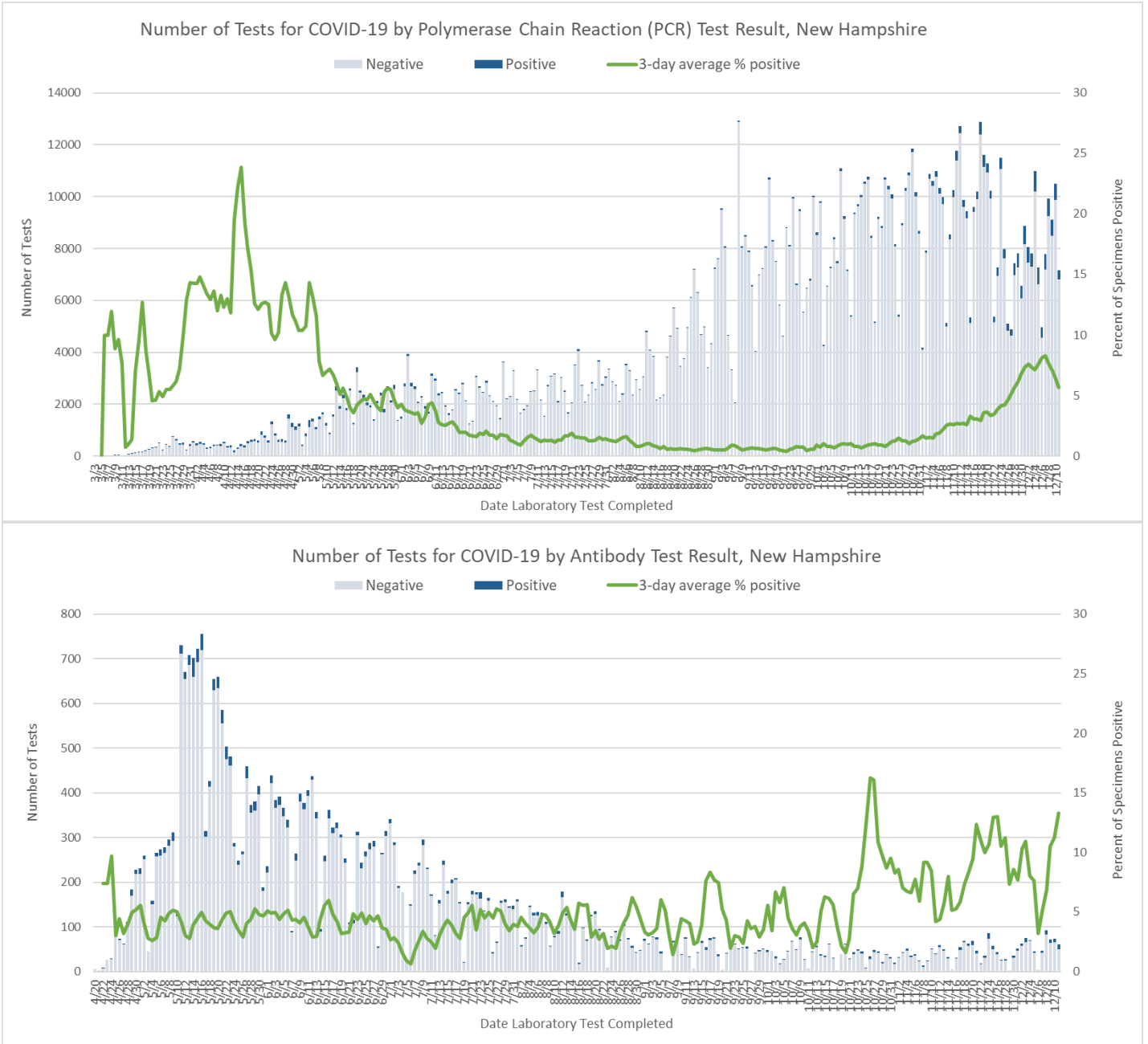
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
	12/05	12/06	12/07	12/08	12/09	12/10	12/11	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	1,498	820	1,173	1,700	908	1,705	1,257	1,294
LabCorp	1,397	1,000	1,564	1,695	1,329	1,929	819	1,390
Quest Diagnostics	1,642	1,199	898	1,249	1,839	908	1,230	1,281
Mako Medical	183	99	201	5	400	996	277	309
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	639	507	233	920	1,200	790	4	613
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	299	438	490	657	620	564	386	493
Other Laboratory*	1,619	908	1,277	2,171	2,027	2,107	1,404	1,645
University of New Hampshire**	2	0	1,956	1,539	782	1,483	1,773	1,076
Total	7,279	4,971	7,792	9,936	9,105	10,482	7,150	8,102
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
	12/05	12/06	12/07	12/08	12/09	12/10	12/11	Daily Average
LabCorp	21	0	0	20	22	18	0	12

Quest Diagnostics	23	1	9	41	28	31	39	25
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	1	1	12	15	6	11	2	7
Other Laboratory*	0	2	21	10	15	12	13	10
Total	45	4	42	86	71	72	54	53

* 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>.