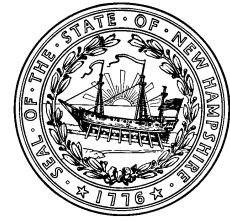


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 16, 2020

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 16, 2020, DHHS announced 928 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 6.4%. Today's results include 680 people who tested positive by PCR test and 248 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 6,680 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **12/11:** 212 new cases today, for an updated total of **799** cases
- **12/12:** 118 new cases today, for an updated total of **536** cases
- **12/13:** 1 new case today, for an updated total of **725** cases
- **12/14:** 175 new cases today, for an updated total of **560** cases
- **12/15:** **422** 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 one hundred and three 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 (202), Merrimack (157), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (153), Strafford (74), Belknap (57), Carrol (24), Cheshire (22), Grafton (18), Sullivan (3), and Coos (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (95) and Manchester (94). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-eight 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 are either associated with an outbreak setting or have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

DHHS has also announced twenty-one 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 Cheshire County, 60 years of age and older
- 3 female residents of Grafton County, 60 years of age and older
- 3 female residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 8 male residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, less than 60 years of age
- 1 male resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Coos County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 286 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 33,433 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 870 (3%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated December 16, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	33,433
Recovered	26,128 (78%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	625 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	6,680
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	870 (3%)
Current Hospitalizations	286
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	473,346
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	34,058
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	60,831
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	1,326

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

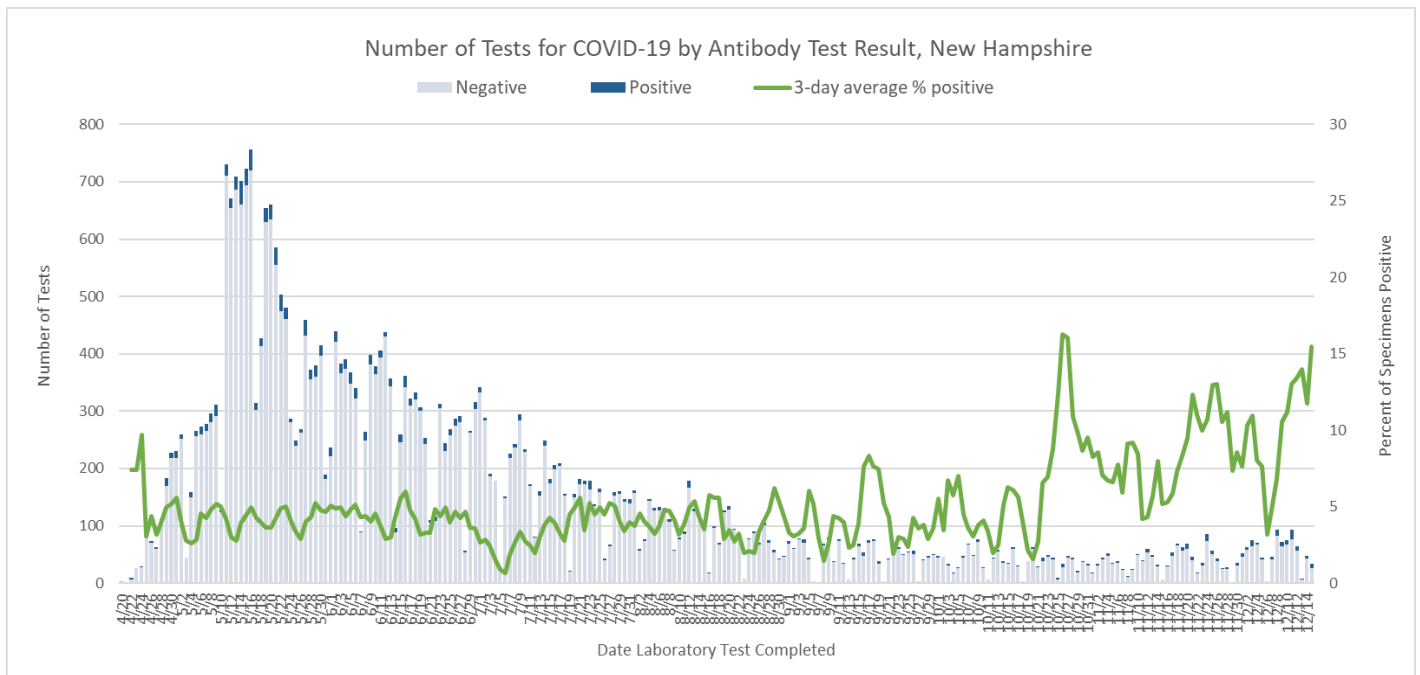
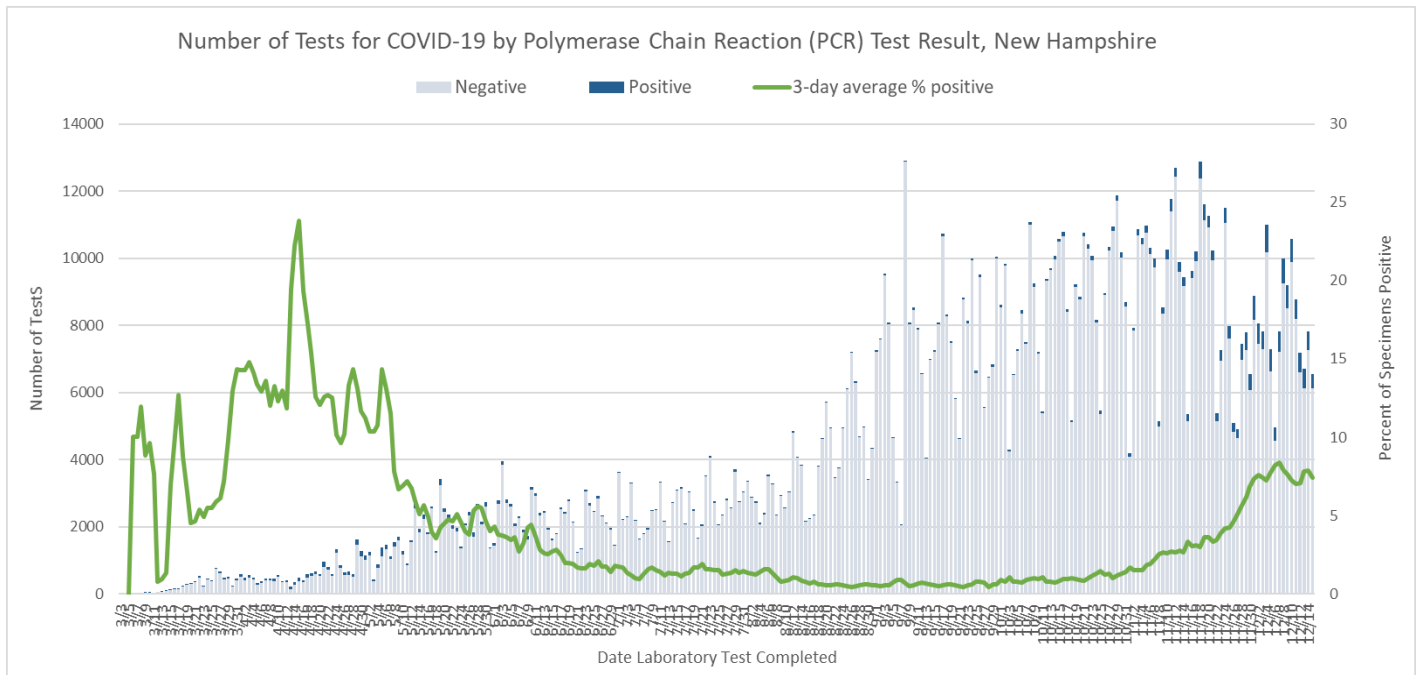
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	12/09	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	908	1,703	1,258	1,329	999	1,253	853	1,186
LabCorp	1,333	1,930	1,053	1,629	1,851	1,299	1,228	1,475
Quest Diagnostics	1,839	917	1,308	1,364	1,747	1,424	1,155	1,393
Mako Medical	400	996	277	131	249	9	113	311
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	1,200	793	721	515	423	302	57	573
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	628	579	540	485	434	523	377	509
Other Laboratory*	2,118	2,187	1,831	1,724	1,010	1,084	1,288	1,606
University of New Hampshire**	782	1,483	1,773	1	0	1,917	1,481	1,062
Total	9,208	10,588	8,761	7,178	6,713	7,811	6,552	8,116
Antibody Laboratory Tests								

Testing Laboratory	12/09	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	Daily Average
LabCorp	22	19	20	21	1	2	0	12
Quest Diagnostics	28	31	41	34	7	10	17	24
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	6	11	10	3	0	7	0	5
Other Laboratory*	15	12	15	7	0	23	10	12
Total	71	73	86	65	8	42	27	53

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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