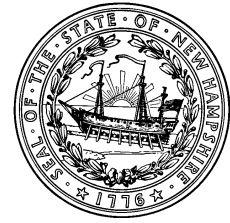


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## NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 21, 2020

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

On Monday, December 21, 2020, DHHS announced 847 new positive test results for COVID-19, with a daily PCR test positivity rate of 7.3%. Today's results include 575 people who tested positive by PCR test and 272 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 6,688 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **12/16:** 118 new cases today, for an updated total of **801** cases
- **12/17:** 70 new cases today, for an updated total of **747** cases
- **12/18:** 85 new cases today, for an updated total of **534** cases
- **12/19:** 136 new cases today, for an updated total of **619** cases
- **12/20:** **438** 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 nine 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 (224), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (144), Merrimack (81), Strafford (61), Belknap (56), Cheshire (26), Grafton (20), Carroll (13), Coos (12), and Sullivan (3) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (100) and Manchester (80). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-seven 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.

There are currently 278 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 37,388 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 889 (2%) of those having been hospitalized.

### Current Situation in New Hampshire

**New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report**  
**(updated December 21, 2020, 9:00 AM)**

NH Persons with COVID-19

37,388

Recovered	30,044 (80%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	656 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	6,688
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	889 (2%)
Current Hospitalizations	278
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) <sub>2</sub>	487,023
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests <sub>2</sub>	34,323
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	61,734
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL <sub>3</sub>	526

<sub>1</sub>Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

<sub>2</sub>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.

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

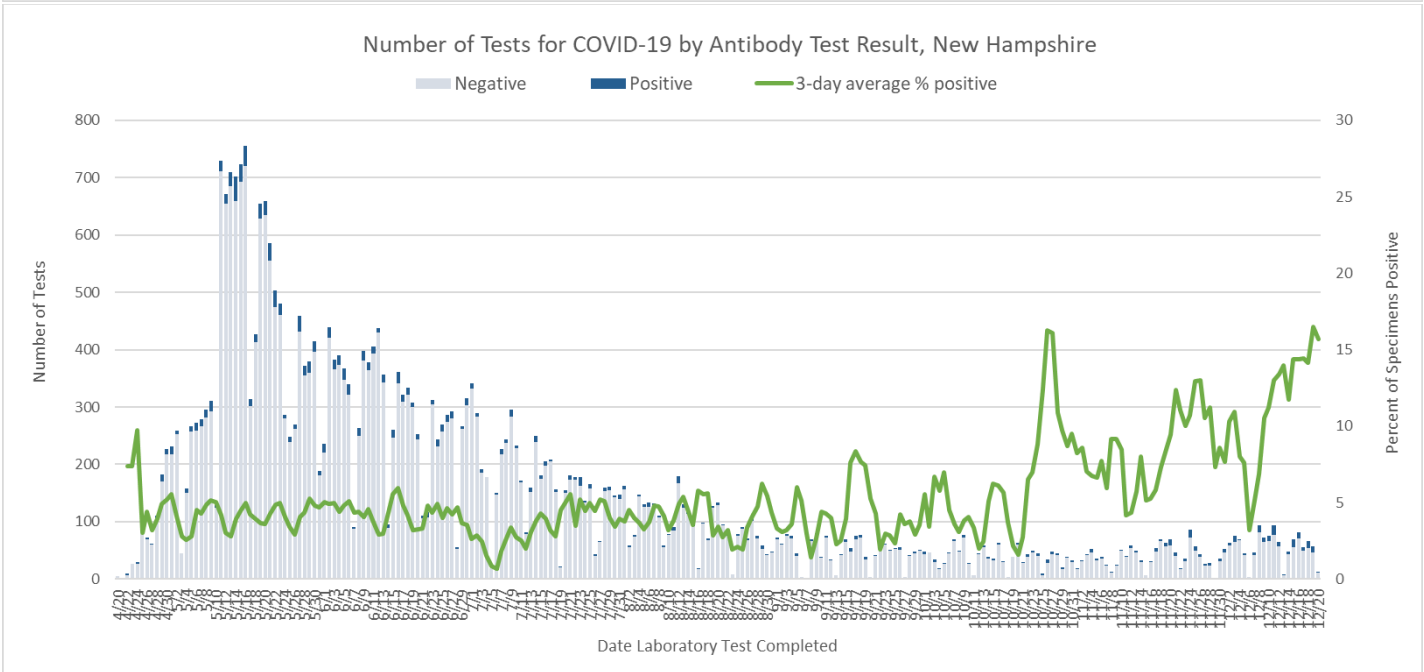
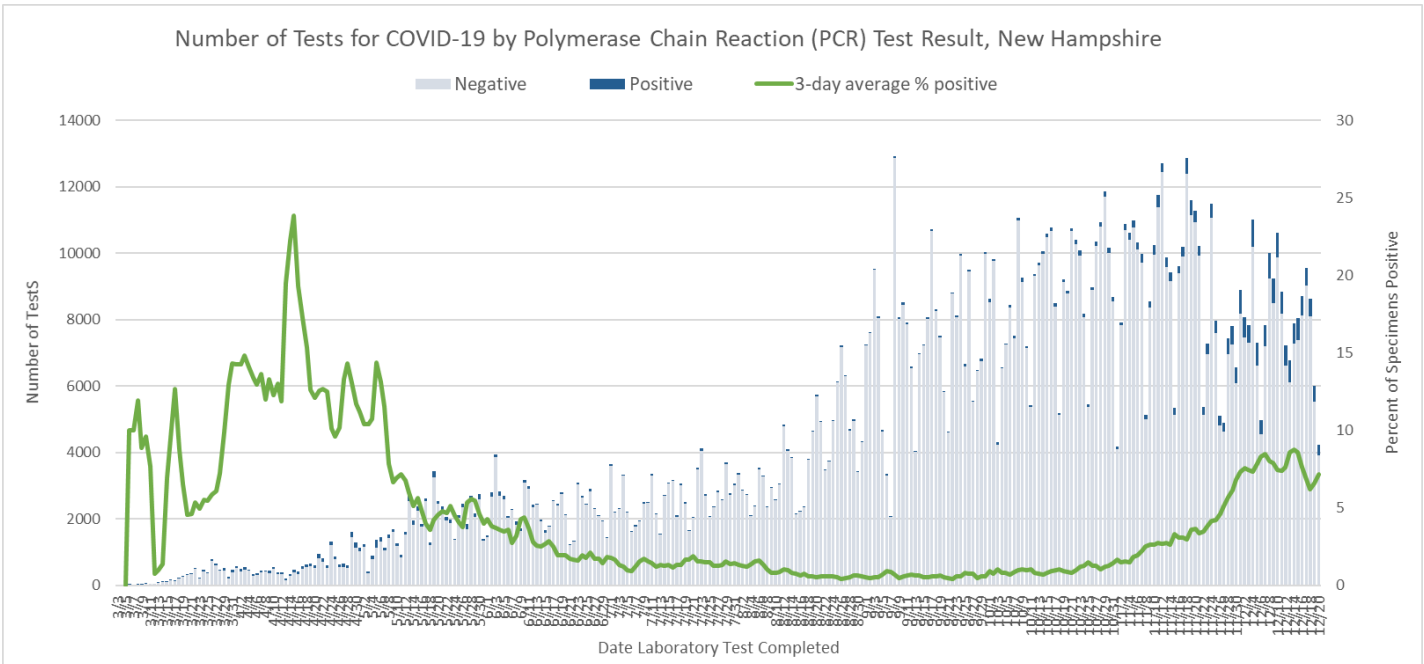
## Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	1,253	854	1,240	842	582	877	1,166	973
LabCorp	1,298	1,524	1,399	1,823	1,416	790	1,188	1,348
Quest Diagnostics	1,425	1,184	1,249	1,704	1,145	1,302	751	1,251
Mako Medical	9	113	663	827	432	36	362	349
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	302	738	901	952	305	704	0	557
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	533	556	490	534	544	416	256	476
Other Laboratory*	1,160	1,557	1,973	2,127	2,312	1,860	499	1,641
University of New Hampshire**	1,917	1,512	806	737	1,894	21	0	984
Total	7,897	8,038	8,721	9,546	8,630	6,006	4,222	7,580
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	Daily Average
LabCorp	2	27	20	4	17	21	4	14
Quest Diagnostics	10	18	40	33	24	35	8	24
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	7	6	8	1	5	0	0	4
Other Laboratory*	23	10	11	16	9	1	0	10
Total	42	61	79	54	55	57	12	51

\* 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 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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