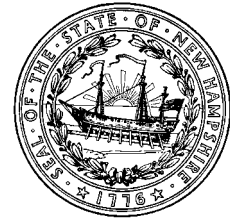


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 26, 2020

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 26, 2020, DHHS announced 1,031 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 6.7%. Today's results include 392 people who tested positive by PCR test and 639 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 6,119 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **12/19: 18** new cases today, for an updated total of **763** cases
- **12/20: 64** new cases today, for an updated total of **610** cases
- **12/21: 80** new cases today, for an updated total of **519** cases
- **12/22: 27** new cases today, for an updated total of **455** cases
- **12/23: 562** new cases, for an updated total of **820** cases
- **12/24: 280** 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 thirty-five individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 49% being female and 51% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (326), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (157), Merrimack (78), Strafford (67), Coos (59), Belknap (38), Grafton (27), Carroll (22), Cheshire (14), Sullivan (3) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (90) and Manchester (77). The county of residence is being determined for seventy-three 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 eleven additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

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

There are currently 277 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 39,933 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 894 (2%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated December 26, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	39,933
Recovered	33,113 (83%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	701 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	6,119
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	894 (2%)
Current Hospitalizations	277
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	499,767
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	34,544
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	N/A
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	687

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

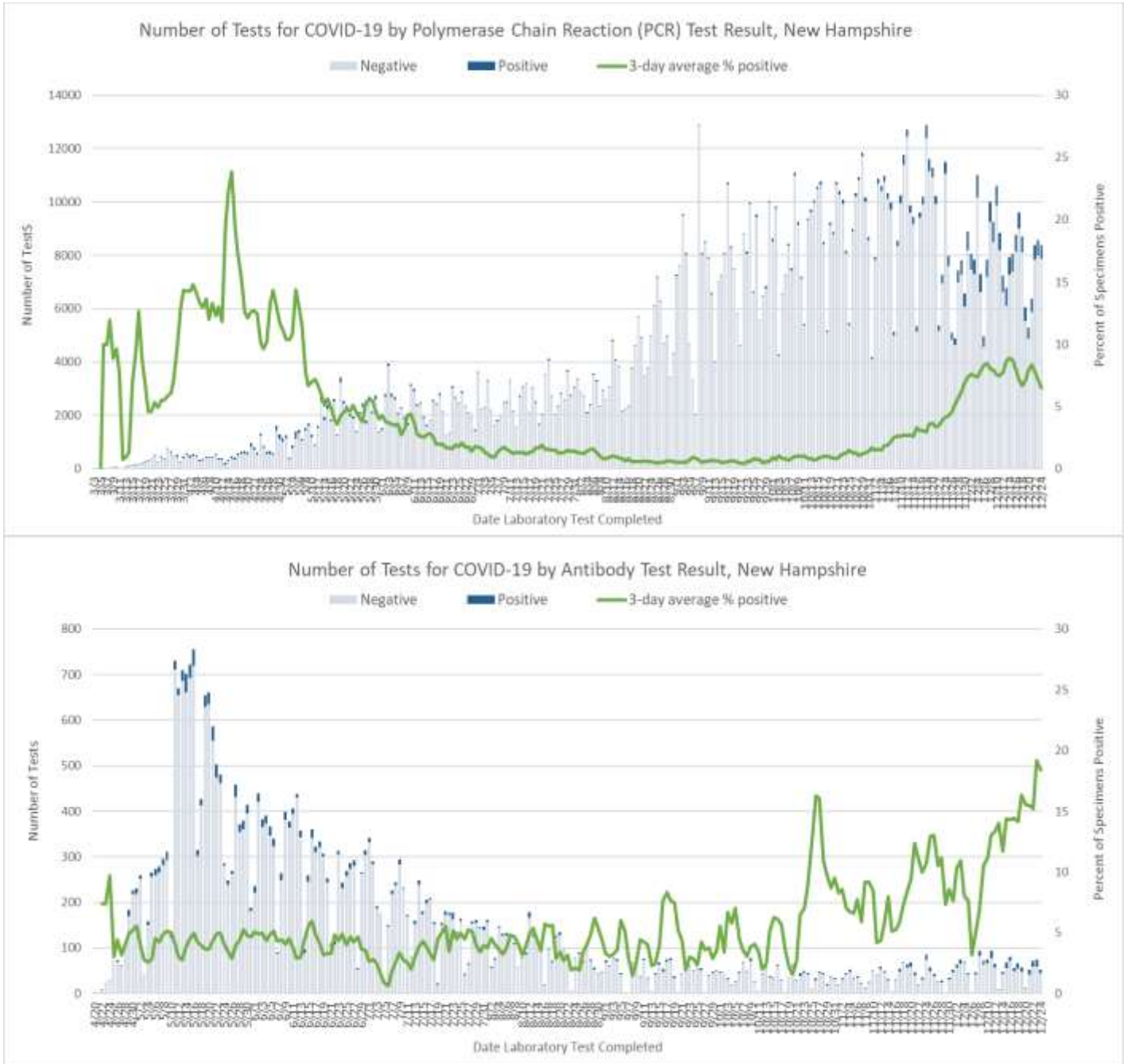
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	582	878	1,166	658	800	1,289	1,584	994
LabCorp	1,421	791	1,266	1,038	1,479	1,358	1,650	1,286
Quest Diagnostics	1,146	1,319	984	790	1,187	1,323	1,419	1,167
Mako Medical	432	36	362	8	90	1,021	529	354
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	305	704	458	222	574	911	823	571
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	546	420	322	614	628	646	398	511
Other Laboratory*	2,372	1,889	734	1,444	1,756	2,009	1,979	1,740
University of New Hampshire**	1,894	21	0	1,613	1,860	13	9	773
Total	8,698	6,058	5,292	6,387	8,374	8,570	8,391	7,396
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24	Daily Average
LabCorp	17	22	4	0	19	24	15	14
Quest Diagnostics	24	35	8	11	25	26	27	22

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	5	0	0	5	6	6	3	4
Other Laboratory*	9	1	0	31	11	16	6	11
Total	55	58	12	47	61	72	51	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 laboartory 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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