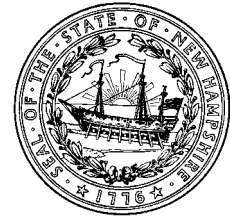


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 28, 2020

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 28, 2020, DHHS announced 861 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 9.3%. Today's results include 658 people who tested positive by PCR test and 203 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 5,508 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **12/22:** 82 new cases today, for an updated total of **561** cases
- **12/25:** 205 new cases today, for an updated total of **288** cases
- **12/26:** 472 new cases today, for an updated total of **478** cases
- **12/27:** **102** 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-nine 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 (158), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (132), Merrimack (94), Strafford (85), Belknap (51), Cheshire (38), Grafton (31), Coos (28), Carroll (17), and Sullivan (12) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (105) and Nashua (66). The county of residence is being determined for forty-four 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 seven additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

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

There are currently 269 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 41,670 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 895 (2%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated December 28, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	41,670
Recovered	35,447 (85%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	715 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	5,508
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	895 (2%)
Current Hospitalizations	269
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	506,140
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	34,577
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	62,654
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	41

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

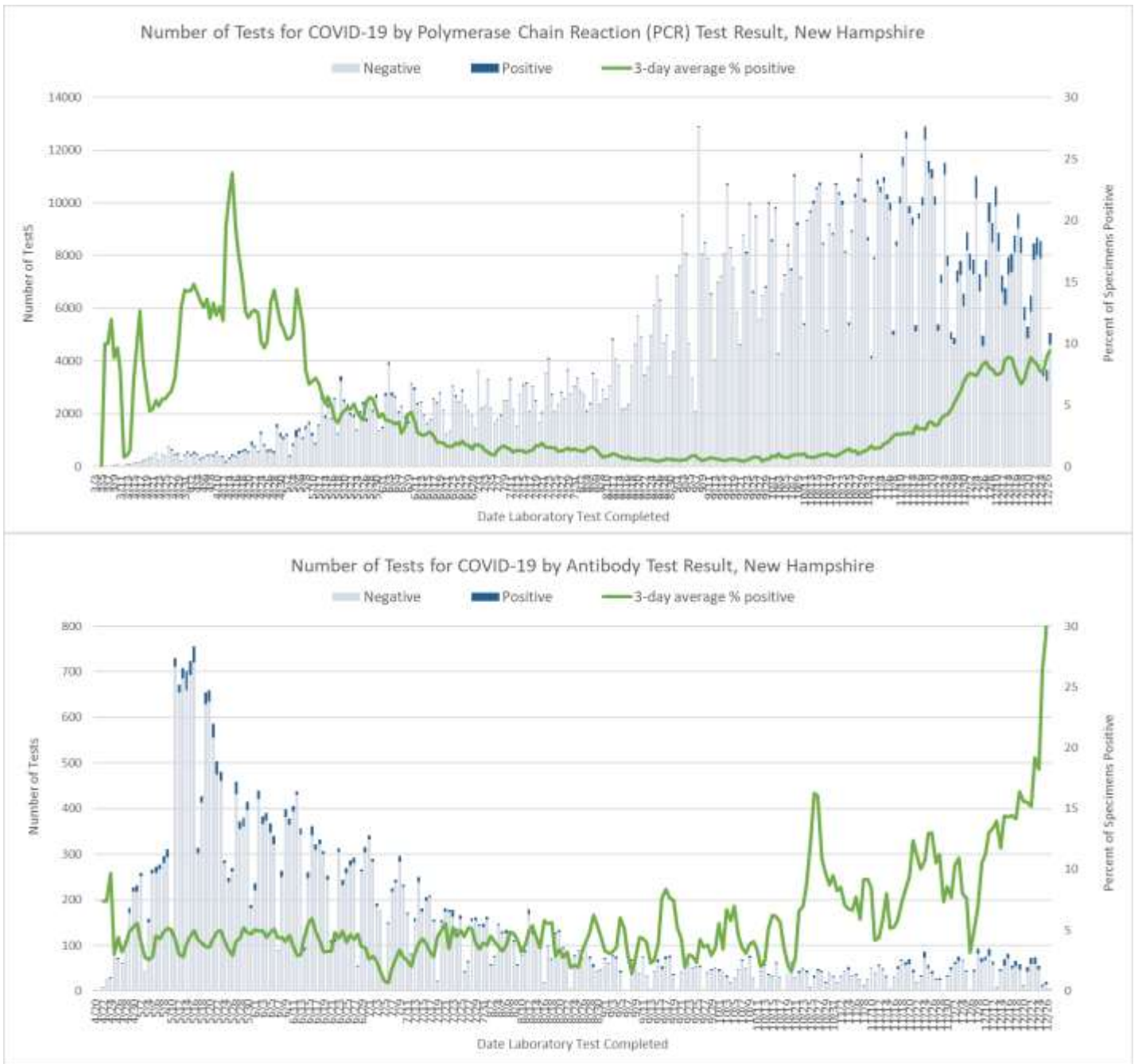
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25	12/26	12/27	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	658	802	1,289	1,584	0	708	529	796
LabCorp	1,038	1,479	1,359	1,651	368	607	2,277	1,254
Quest Diagnostics	790	1,186	1,323	1,420	1,405	772	974	1,124
Mako Medical	8	90	1,021	529	695	65	69	354
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	222	574	920	823	586	114	322	509
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	639	667	673	420	188	344	275	458
Other Laboratory*	1,508	1,809	2,074	2,106	471	1,048	634	1,379
University of New Hampshire**	1,613	1,860	13	9	0	1	0	499
Total	6,476	8,467	8,672	8,542	3,713	3,659	5,080	6,373
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25	12/26	12/27	Daily Average
LabCorp	0	19	24	17	8	1	3	10
Quest Diagnostics	11	25	26	27	2	0	0	13
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	5	6	6	3	0	5	0	4

Other Laboratory*	31	11	16	6	0	15	0	11
Total	47	61	72	53	10	21	3	38

* 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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