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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 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 Wednesday, October 21, 2020, DHHS announced 92 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 1.2. Today's results include 52 people who tested positive by PCR test and 40 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 798 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire.

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 eight individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 51% being female and 49% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (22), Merrimack (19), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (15), Belknap (7), Strafford (7), Grafton (2), Sullivan (2), and Carroll (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (10) and Nashua (2). The county of residence is being determined for five new cases.

No new hospitalized cases were reported. There are currently 14 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. One of the new cases had no identified risk factors. 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, are associated with an outbreak setting, or have recently traveled.

DHHS has also announced one additional death related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 9,917 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 763 (8%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

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

NH Persons with COVID-19:	9,917
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Recovered	8,650 (87%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	469 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	798
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	763 (8%)
Current Hospitalizations	14
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	318,292
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	31,852
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	50,262
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	616
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	4,075

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, Mako, certain hospital laboratories, the University of New Hampshire and their contracted laboratory, 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.

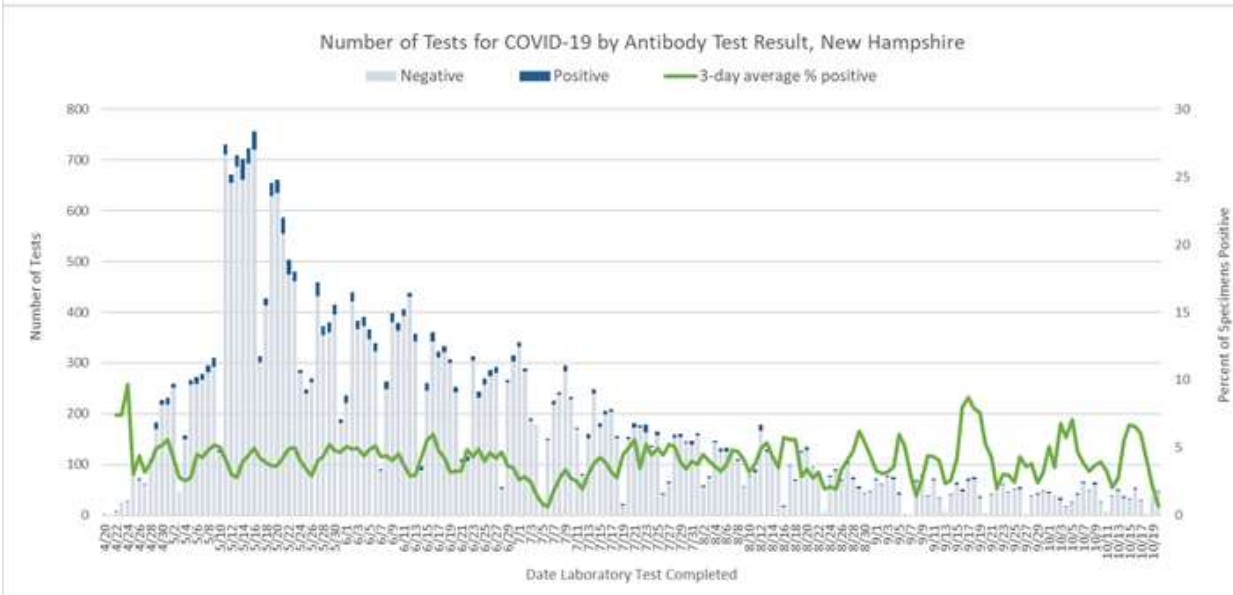
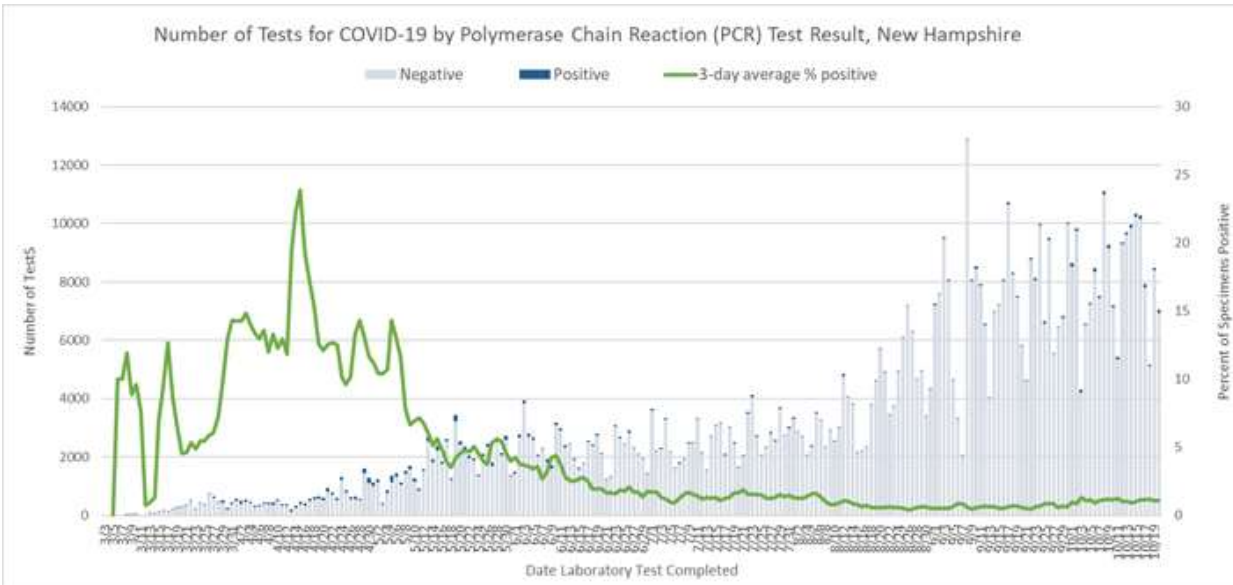
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	362	777	1,043	693	846	888	687	757
LabCorp	1,074	941	1,047	988	873	238	428	798
Quest Diagnostics	1,832	1,219	1,308	1,574	1,934	2,404	1,027	1,614
Mako Medical	0	73	13	14	0	0	0	14
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	1,057	867	701	957	215	157	513	638
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	374	424	358	326	138	305	361	327
Other Laboratory*	1,449	1,630	1,820	1,368	391	717	1,067	1,206
University of New Hampshire**	3,823	4,400	3,993	1,989	768	3,773	2,955	3,100
Total	9,971	10,331	10,283	7,909	5,165	8,482	7,038	8,454
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	Daily Average

LabCorp	5	6	6	6	0	2	0	4
Quest Diagnostics	23	20	29	18	2	16	32	20
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	7	6	12	3	1	4	9	6
Other Laboratory*	2	1	6	3	0	13	6	4
Total	37	33	53	30	3	35	47	34

* 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 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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