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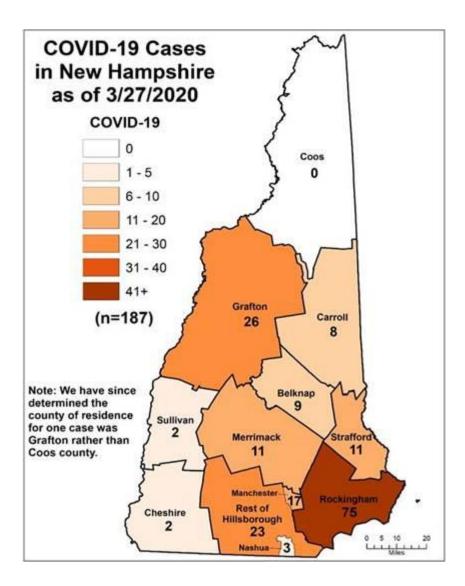
NH DHHS COVID-19 Update - March 27, 2020

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update for March 27, 2020, on the new coronavirus, COVID-19. DHHS will continue to issue COVID-19 updates each day to provide media and the public with current information about the State's efforts.

On Friday, March 27, 2020, DHHS announced 29 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 187 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. The new cases are 10 adult males and 19 adult females. The new cases reside in Rockingham (8), Merrimack (4), Strafford (4), Grafton (3), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (3), Belknap (1), and Carroll (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (3) and Nashua (2). Sixteen of the new cases have no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to increase in the State and has been identified in the majority of counties. The remaining cases have either had travel to domestic or international locations or have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis. Four of the new cases are currently hospitalized; thus far, 30 patients of the 187 positive cases (16%) have been hospitalized.

DHHS has also announced the second death related to COVID-19. The deceased was a male resident of Hillsborough County who was over 60 years old and had multiple underlying health issues. The State expresses our sympathies to the family and friends of the deceased.

Current Situation in New Hampshire



New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated March 27, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-191	187
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	2 (<1%)
Hospitalizations	30 (16%)
Persons Tested Negative at Selected Laboratories2	3,656
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	2,790
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL_3	296
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	925

¹Includes specimens presumptive-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. $_{\scriptscriptstyle 3} \text{Includes}$ specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive

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