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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – September 23, 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, September 23, 2020, DHHS announced 25 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 8,007 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. Laboratory reporting from one laboratory was incomplete so additional test results may be received from this laboratory in the coming days. 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 two individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 48% being female and 52% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (5), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (4), Merrimack (4), Carroll (2), and Strafford (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (4) and Nashua (3). The county of residence is being determined for two new cases.

One new hospitalized case was identified for a total of 728 (9%) of 8,007 cases. Seven 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 or have recently traveled.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated September 23, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	8,007
Recovered	7,303 (91%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	438 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	266
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	728 (9%)
Current Hospitalizations	17
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	244,489

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ²	30,830
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	45,930
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL_3	700
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	2,275

Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

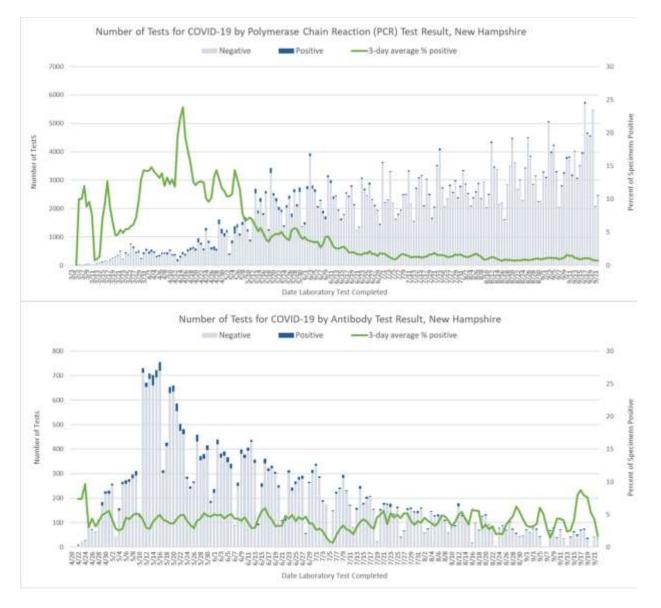
²Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity. Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial

laboratories.

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests									
Testing Laboratory	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21	9/22	Daily Average	
NH Public Health Laboratories	559	1,165	892	623	1,244	710	826	860	
LabCorp	1,023	738	845	865	511	300	246	647	
Quest Diagnostics	1,316	2,784	1,142	1,786	2,994	503	767	1,613	
Mako Medical	29	11	218	45	29	0	12	49	
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	640	588	1,091	724	424	231	0	528	
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	268	274	278	233	159	216	195	232	
Other Laboratory*	139	191	209	296	110	121	431	214	
Total	3,974	5,751	4,675	4,572	5,471	2,081	2,477	4,143	
Antibody Laboratory Tests									
Testing Laboratory	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21	9/22	Daily Average	
LabCorp	7	12	9	12	0	0	0	6	
Quest Diagnostics	34	38	56	22	4	19	37	30	
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	6	7	4	2	0	7	1	4	
Other Laboratory*	5	13	4	0	0	11	0	5	
Total	52	70	73	36	4	37	38	44	

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not listed in the above table.



NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive

For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <u>https://www.nh.gov/covid19</u>.

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