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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – September 29, 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 Tuesday, September 29, 2020, DHHS announced 28 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 8,233 cases of COVID-19 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 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 (13), Strafford (5), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (2), Merrimack (1), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (4) and Nashua (2).

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated September 29, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19,	8,233
Recovered	7,463 (91%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	439 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	331
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID- 19	738 (9%)
Current Hospitalizations	13
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	270,204
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ²	31,078
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	46,757
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL_{3}	993
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	2,725

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, Mako, certain hospital laboratories, the University of New Hampshire and their contracted laboratory, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

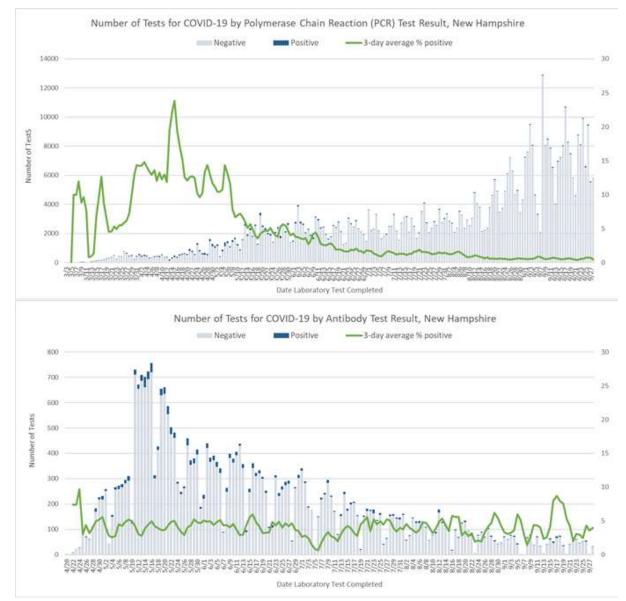
Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests										
	9/2 2	9/2 3	9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/28	Daily Average		
NH Public Health Laboratories	826	543	1,073	983	1,028	1,294	1,300	1,007		
LabCorp	680	949	757	816	784	360	77	632		
Quest Diagnostics	791	2,12 9	1,377	1,333	1,446	2,941	730	1,535		
Mako Medical	12	9	0	72	30	0	0	18		
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	917	527	1,032	1,123	952	201	41	685		
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	308	365	438	324	246	397	340	345		
Other Laboratory*	139	175	163	258	232	208	36	173		
University of New Hampshire**	5,12 5	3,42 4	5,114	1,711	4,768	158	3,240	3,363		
Total	8,79 8	8,12 1	9,954	6,620	9,486	5,559	5,764	7,757		
Antibody Laboratory Tests										
	9/2 2	9/2 3	9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/28	Daily Average		
LabCorp	6	8	10	6	9	4	1	6		
Quest Diagnostics	37	41	27	30	35	0	19	27		
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	12	7	5	4	2	0	3	5		
Other Laboratory*	1	6	2	12	8	0	8	5		
Total	56	62	44	52	54	4	31	43		

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

* 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 laboratory and their contracted lab Veritas.



One new hospitalized case was identified for a total of 738 (9%) of 8,233 cases. Five 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.

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>.