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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 19, 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, October 19, 2020, DHHS announced 57 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 1.1%. Today's results include 41 people who tested positive by PCR test and 16 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 1,020 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 four individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 49% being female and 51% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (14), Merrimack (12), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (8), Cheshire (2), Grafton (2), Strafford (2), Belknap (1), and Coos (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (8) and Nashua (5). The county of residence is being determined for two new cases.

No new hospitalized cases were reported. There are currently 16 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 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 female resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older

In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 9,746 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 761 (8%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

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

NH Persons with COVID-19,	9,746
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Recovered	8,258 (85%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	468 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	1,020
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	761 (8%)
Current Hospitalizations	16
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	314,806
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	31,773
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	49,685
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	945
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	4,175

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.

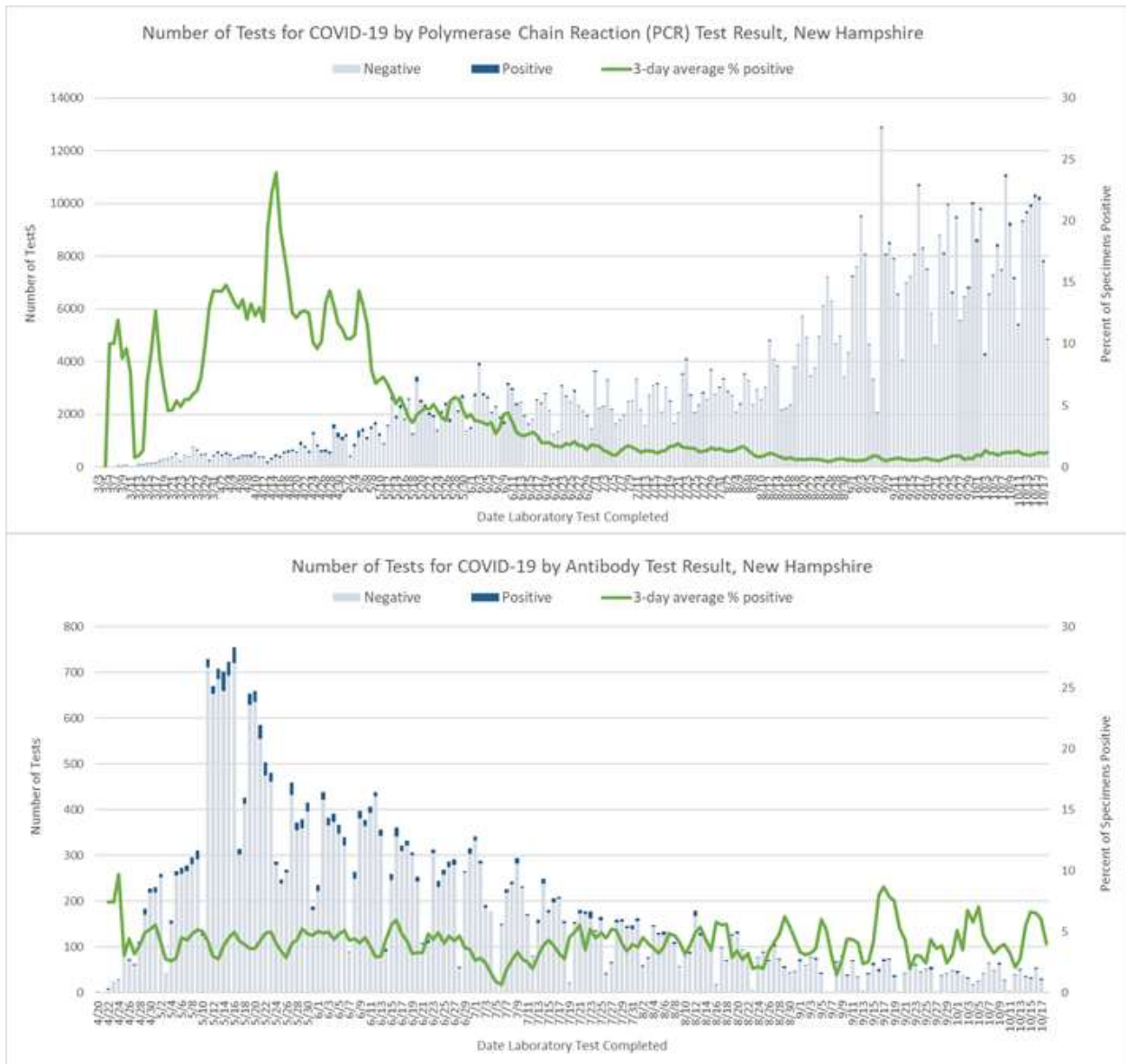
₃Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	1,149	718	362	777	1,043	693	846	798
LabCorp	405	1,009	1,073	939	1,047	982	869	903
Quest Diagnostics	2,431	1,355	1,832	1,217	1,308	1,571	1,841	1,651
Mako Medical	27	0	0	73	13	14	0	18
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	77	760	1,057	867	701	957	215	662
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	289	399	374	424	358	325	119	327
Other Laboratory*	734	1,569	1,450	1,628	1,816	1,363	228	1,255
University of New Hampshire**	4,249	3,894	3,823	4,398	3,975	1,948	768	3,294
Total	9,361	9,704	9,971	10,323	10,261	7,853	4,886	8,908
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	Daily Average
LabCorp	0	8	5	6	6	6	0	4

Quest Diagnostics	27	24	23	20	29	18	2	20
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	3	11	7	6	12	3	1	6
Other Laboratory*	9	7	2	1	6	3	0	4
Total	39	50	37	33	53	30	3	35

* 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.



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

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