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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 24, 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 Saturday, October 24, 2020, DHHS announced 129 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 1.3%. Today's results include 111 people who tested positive by PCR test and 18 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 946 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 nineteen individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 59% being female and 41% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (28), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (24), Strafford (12), Merrimack (11), Belknap (8), Grafton (3), Carroll (2), Cheshire (1), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (30) and Nashua (5). The county of residence is being determined for four new cases.

No new hospitalized cases were reported. There are currently 19 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Two 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 are associated with an outbreak setting.

DHHS has also announced two additional deaths 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
- 1 male 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 10,238 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 765 (7%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

**New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report
(data updated October 24, 2020, 9:00 AM)**

NH Persons with COVID-19: 10,238

Recovered	8,819 (86%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	473 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	946
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	765 (7%)
Current Hospitalizations	19
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	329,057
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	31,958
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	51,087
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	248
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	4,350

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.

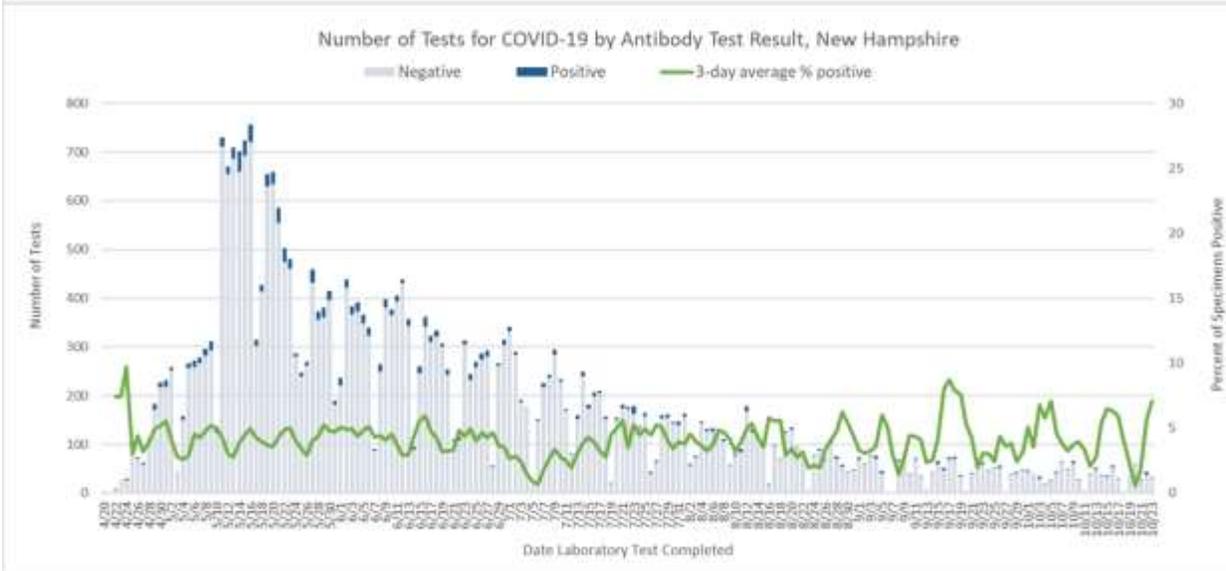
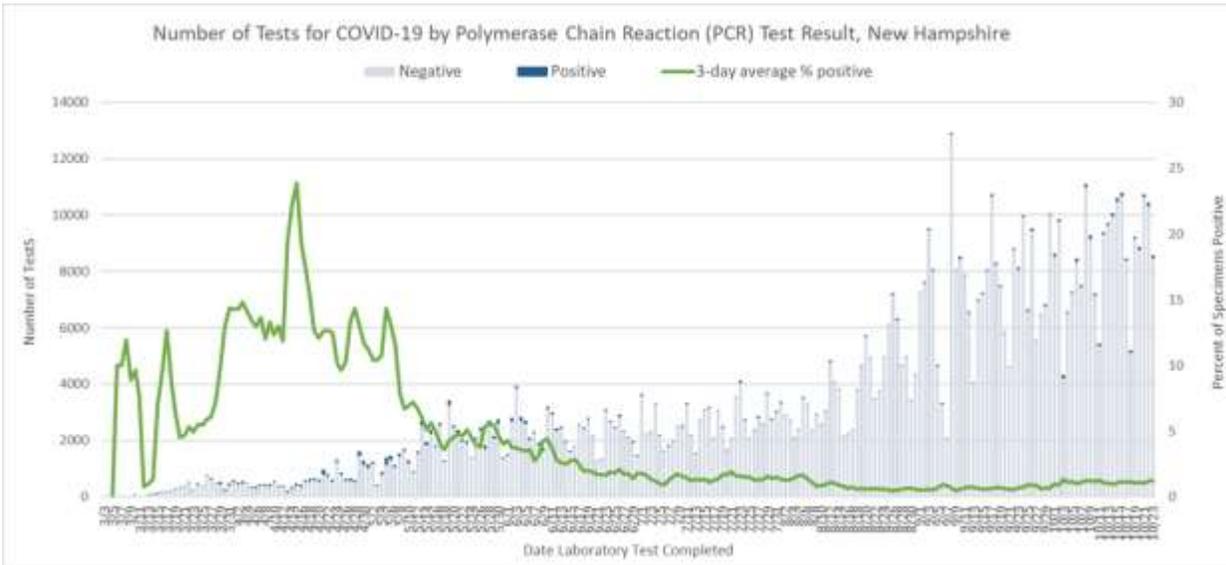
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	693	846	888	687	850	656	519	734
LabCorp	988	872	239	996	1,018	1,093	581	827
Quest Diagnostics	1,574	1,935	2,404	1,050	1,384	1,244	864	1,494
Mako Medical	14	0	0	0	23	141	91	38
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	957	215	157	513	870	659	901	610
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	325	138	304	428	442	450	422	358
Other Laboratory*	1,931	400	944	1,672	1,686	2,030	2,050	1,530
University of New Hampshire**	1,992	768	4,285	3,529	4,468	4,175	3,156	3,196
Total	8,474	5,174	9,221	8,875	10,741	10,448	8,584	8,788
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	Daily Average

LabCorp	6	0	2	7	9	9	0	5
Quest Diagnostics	18	2	16	34	14	20	21	18
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	3	1	4	9	2	8	1	4
Other Laboratory*	3	0	13	7	3	6	4	5
Total	30	3	35	57	28	43	26	32

* 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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