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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – May 18, 2020

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

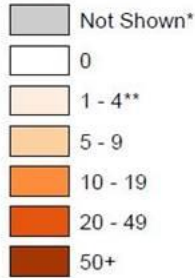
On Monday, May 18, 2020, DHHS announced 57 new positive test results for COVID-19. There have now been 3,652 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in New Hampshire. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there is one individual under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 45% being female and 55% being male. The new cases reside in Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (10), Rockingham (9), Merrimack (3), Strafford (2), Cheshire (1), and Grafton (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (6) and Nashua (1). The county of residence is being determined for 24 new cases.

Nine new hospitalized cases were identified for a total of 368 (10%) of 3,652 cases. Three of the new cases have no identified risk factors. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Most of 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.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

**Total Current COVID-19 Cases
in New Hampshire
as of 5/18/2020
(n=2,211)**

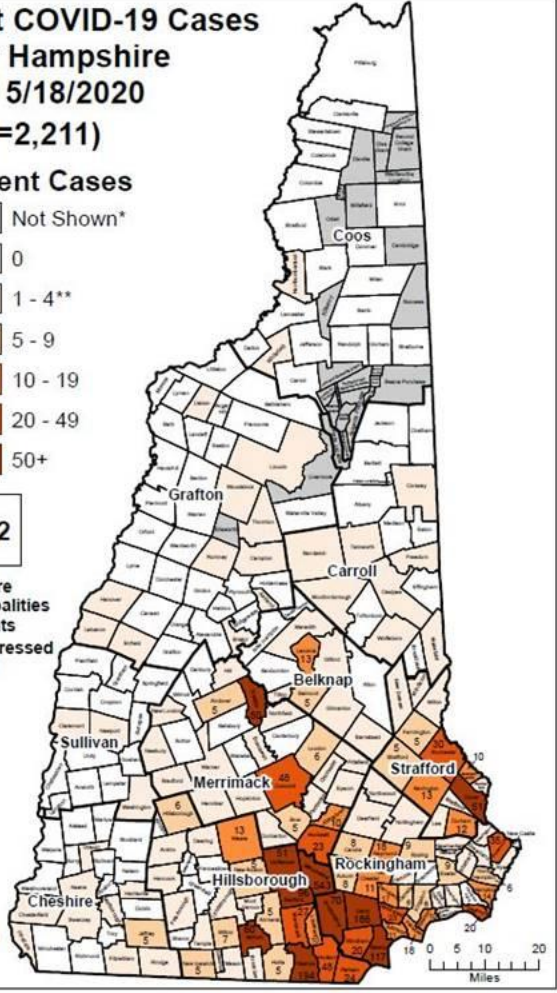
Current Cases

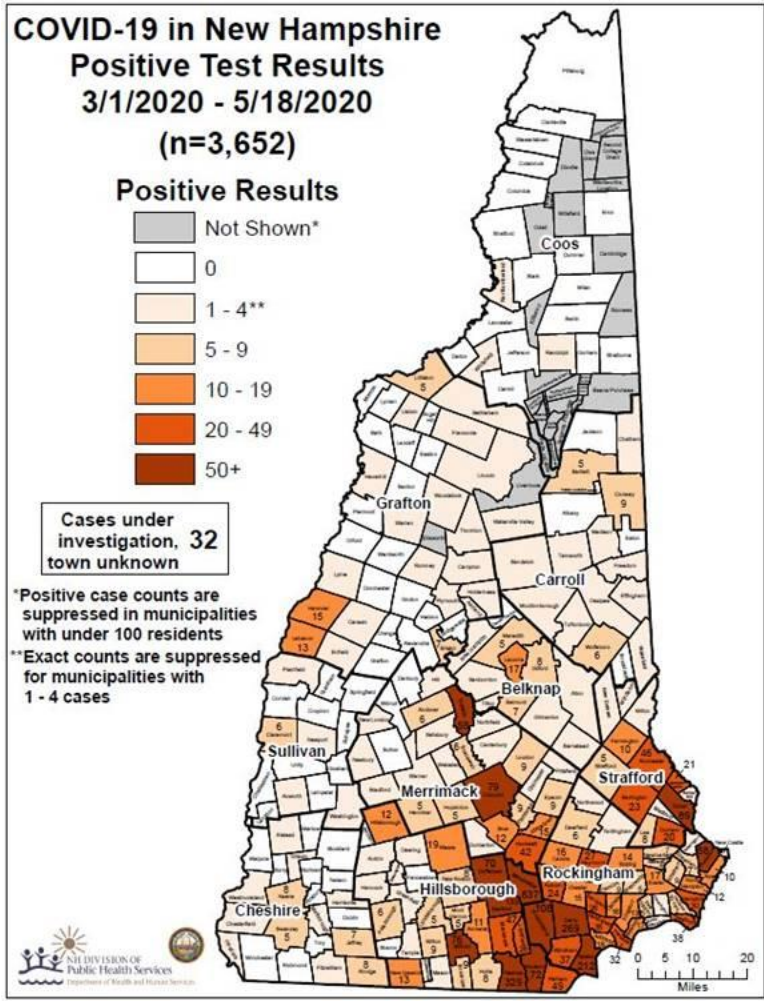


Cases under investigation, 32 town unknown

*Positive case counts are suppressed in municipalities with under 100 residents

**Exact counts are suppressed for municipalities with 1 - 4 cases





**New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report
(data updated May 18, 2020, 9:00 AM)**

NH Persons with COVID-19, ¹	3,652
Recovered	1,269 (35%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	172 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,211
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	368 (10%)
Current Hospitalizations	109
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ²	49,474
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ²	6,445
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	17,226
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ³	874
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	3,675

County	Cases
Belknap	53
Carroll	44
Cheshire	48
Coos	4
Grafton	62
Hillsborough - Other	598
Hillsborough - Manchester	837
Hillsborough - Nashua	329
Merrimack	282
Rockingham	1113
Strafford	234
Sullivan	16
County TBD	32
Grand Total	3652

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, 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.

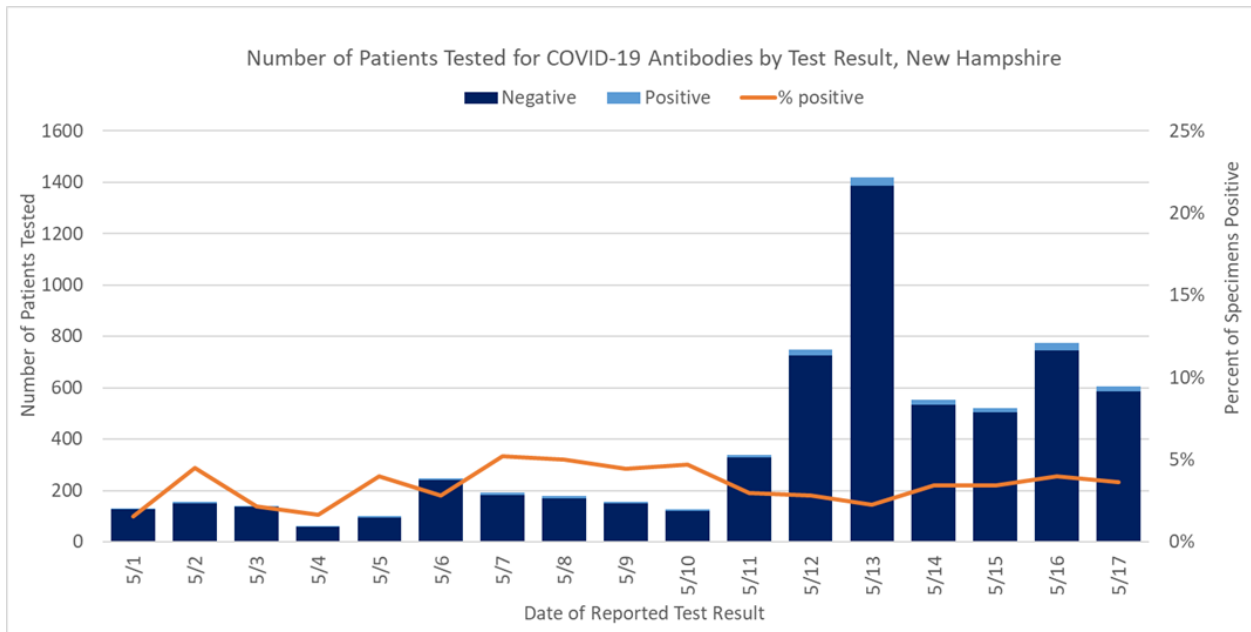
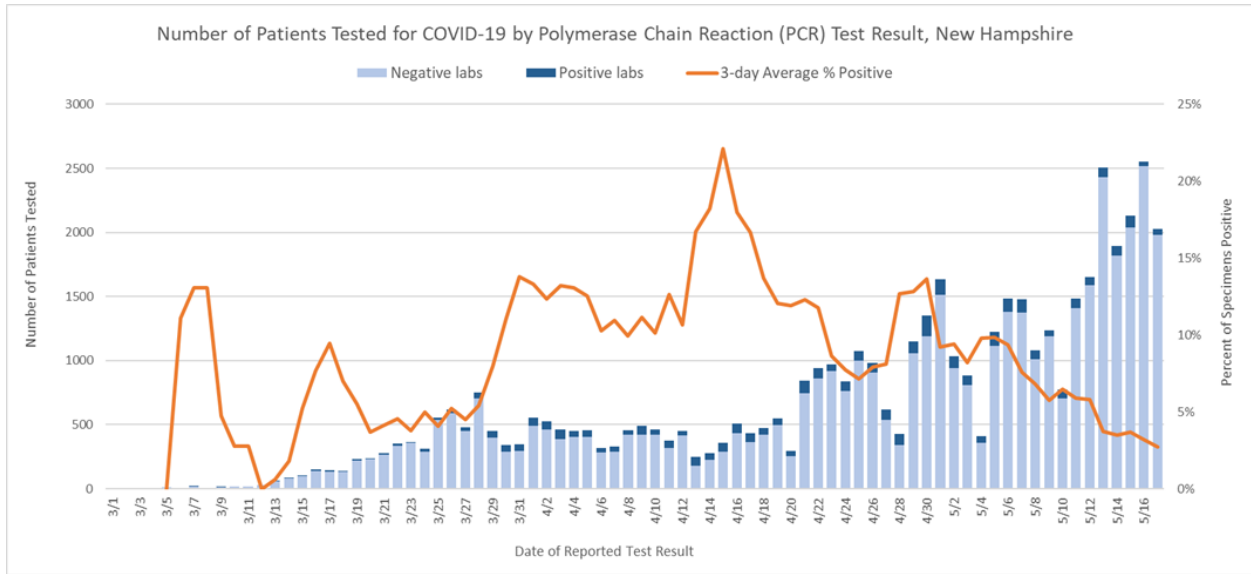
Number of Specimens Tested by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	5/11	5/12	5/13	5/14	5/15	5/16	5/17	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	245	308	443	344	537	697	946	503
LabCorp	618	131	536	406	933	588	395	515
Quest Diagnostics	518	903	1240	674	304	816	501	708
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	31	97	96	326	185	268	149	165
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	49	177	156	105	134	154	n/a**	129
Other Laboratory*	21	34	35	37	22	27	19	28
Total	1482	1650	2506	1892	2115	2550	2010	2029
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	5/11	5/12	5/13	5/14	5/15	5/16	5/17	Daily Average
LabCorp	51	3	62	59	76	43	39	48
Quest Diagnostics	286	728	1348	488	428	712	556	649

Other Laboratory*	2	17	7	5	18	20	11	11
Total	339	748	1417	552	522	775	606	708

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

** Not available at the time of this report.



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

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