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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 16, 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 Friday, October 16, 2020, DHHS announced 90 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 1.1%. Today's results include 64 people who tested positive by PCR test and 26 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 894 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 sixteen individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 51% being female and 49% being male. The new cases reside in Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (25), Rockingham (19), Merrimack (15), Strafford (6), Cheshire (4), Grafton (2), Belknap (1), Coos (1), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (10) and Nashua (6).

No new hospitalized cases were reported. There are currently 16 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. 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 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 female resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 9,514 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 16, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19:

9,514

Recovered	8,155 (86%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	465 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	894
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	761 (8%)
Current Hospitalizations	16
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	305,815
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	31,675
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	49,373
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	1,328
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	4,050

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.

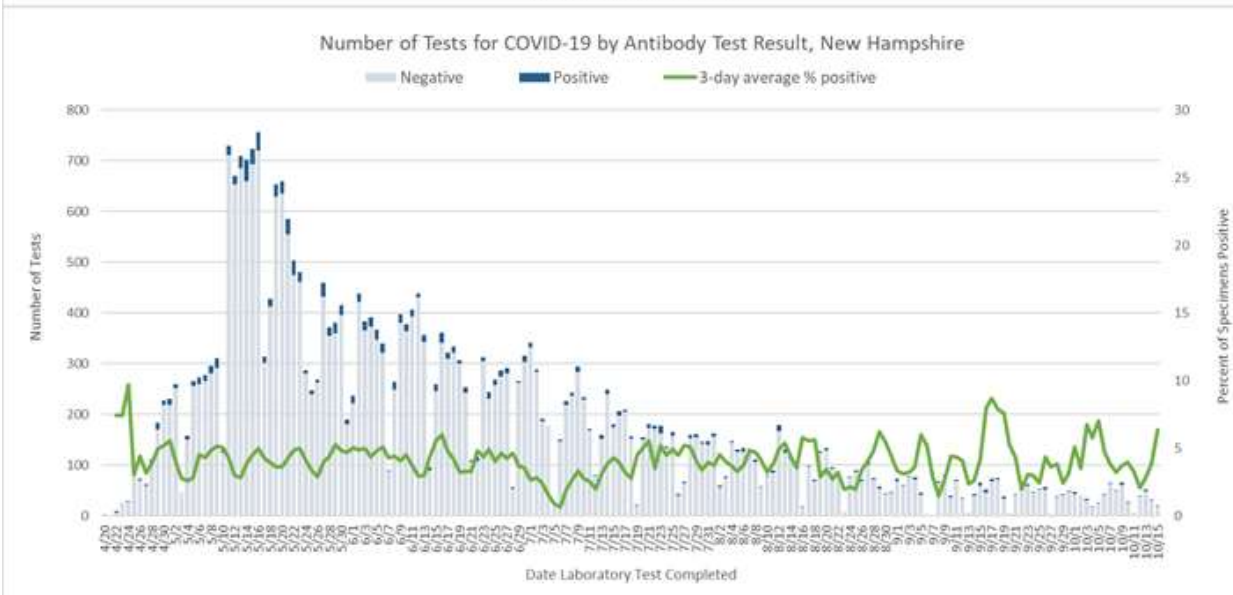
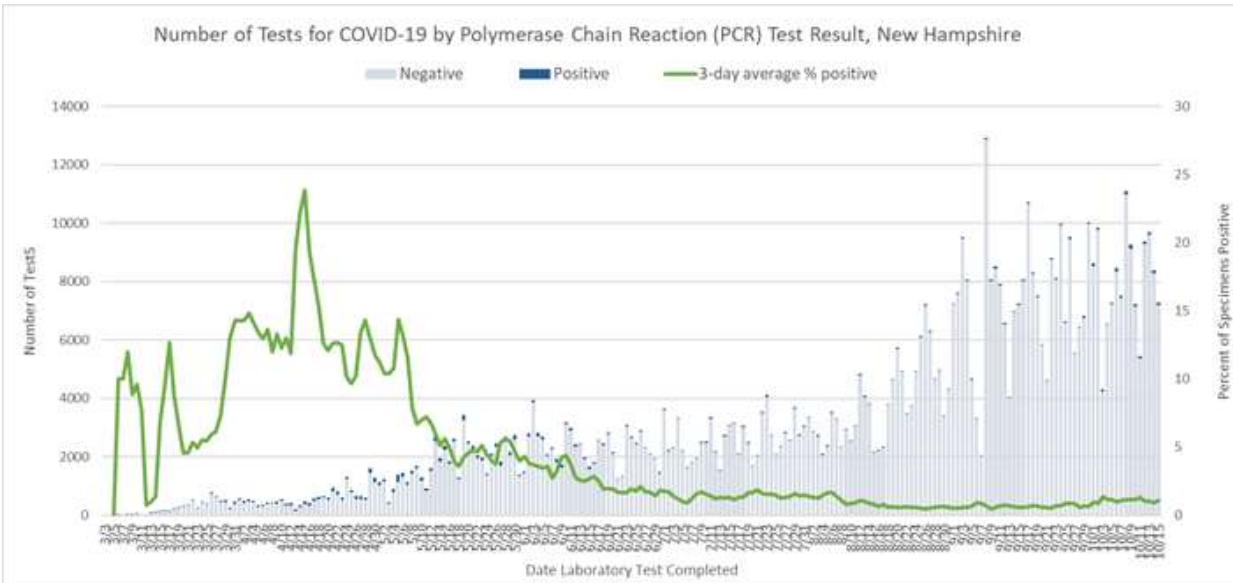
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/9	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	1,053	979	633	1,149	718	362	777	810
LabCorp	975	715	1,241	405	1,007	1,070	697	873
Quest Diagnostics	1,320	1,371	2,769	2,431	1,355	1,833	1,113	1,742
Mako Medical	36	7	0	27	0	0	73	20
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	1,094	847	215	77	760	134	0	447
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	747	225	241	289	398	315	283	357
Other Laboratory*	243	162	334	732	1,567	1,265	429	676
University of New Hampshire**	3,799	2,902	3	4,250	3,889	3,402	3,908	3,165
Total	9,267	7,208	5,436	9,360	9,694	8,381	7,280	8,089
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/9	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	Daily Average

LabCorp	10	11	3	0	8	5	0	5
Quest Diagnostics	35	15	4	27	24	23	19	21
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	9	1	0	3	11	1	0	4
Other Laboratory*	10	0	0	9	7	2	1	4
Total	64	27	7	39	50	31	20	34

* 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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