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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 20, 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, October 20, 2020, DHHS announced 85 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 0.9%. Today’s results include 68 people who tested positive by PCR test and 17 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 824 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 eleven individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 56% being female and 44% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (22), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (20), Merrimack (12), Strafford (8), Belknap (2), Cheshire (2), Grafton (2), and Carroll (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (8) and Nashua (5). The county of residence is being determined for three new cases.

Two new hospitalized cases were reported. There are currently 16 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Three 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.

In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 9,828 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 763 (8%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated October 20, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19,	9,828
Recovered	8,536 (87%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	468 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	824
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	763 (8%)

Current Hospitalizations	16
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	316,091
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	31,802
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	49,812
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	310
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.

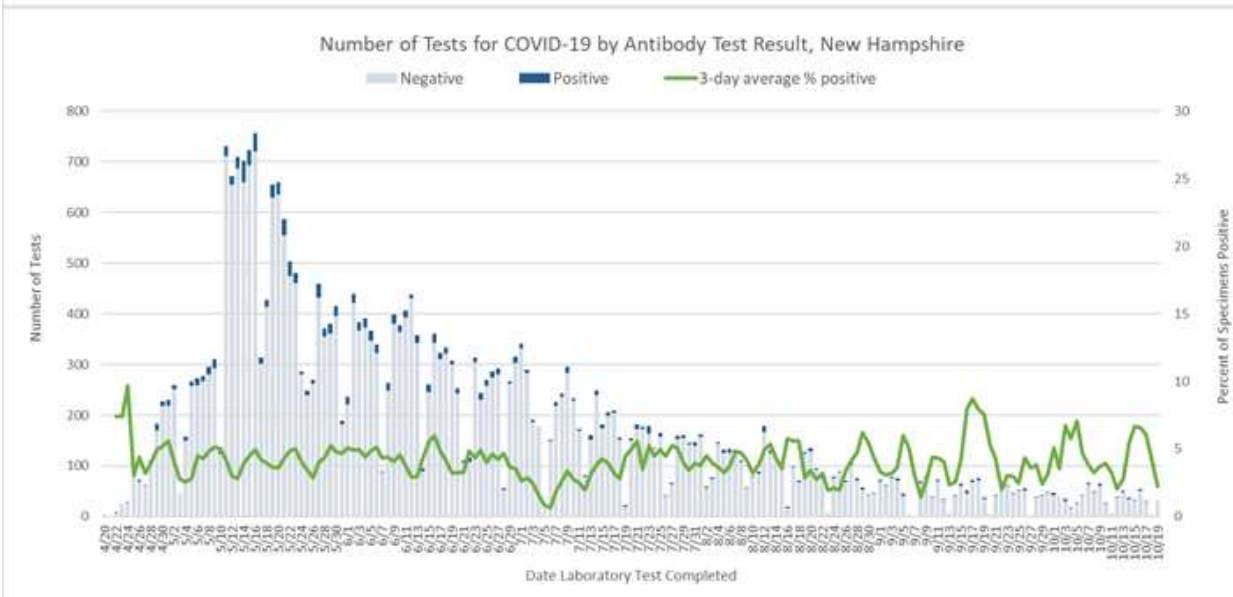
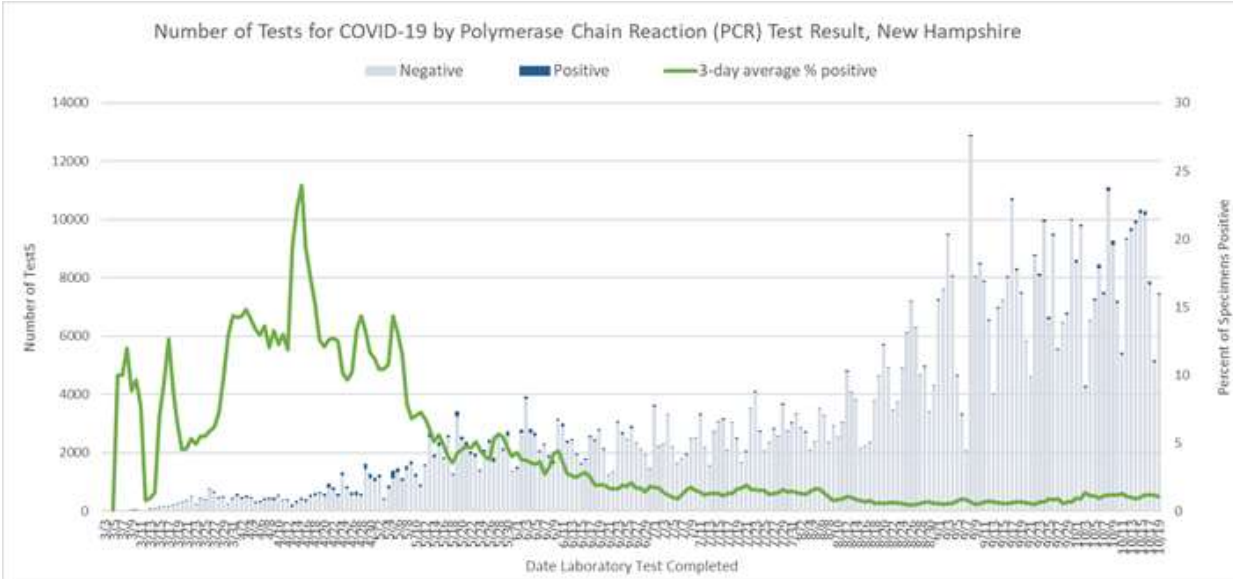
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	718	362	777	1,043	693	846	61	643
LabCorp	1,009	1,074	940	1,047	987	872	238	881
Quest Diagnostics	1,355	1,832	1,219	1,308	1,574	1,934	2,393	1,659
Mako Medical	0	0	73	13	14	0	0	14
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	760	1,057	867	701	957	215	157	673
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	399	374	424	358	326	138	230	321
Other Laboratory*	1,568	1,450	1,629	1,819	1,367	390	634	1,265
University of New Hampshire**	3,893	3,828	4,402	3,992	1,951	768	3,773	3,230
Total	9,702	9,977	10,331	10,281	7,869	5,163	7,486	8,687
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	Daily Average
LabCorp	8	5	6	6	6	0	2	5
Quest Diagnostics	24	23	20	29	18	2	15	19
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	11	7	6	12	3	1	4	6

Other Laboratory*	7	2	1	6	3	0	8	4
Total	50	37	33	53	30	3	29	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 laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



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