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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 26, 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 26, 2020, DHHS announced 77 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 1.6%. Today’s results include 56 people who tested positive by PCR test and 20 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 1,002 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 eight individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 46% being female and 54% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (18), Merrimack (15), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (10), Cheshire (6), Belknap (3), Carroll (3), Grafton (3), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (8) and Nashua (7). The county of residence is being determined for three new cases.

Two new hospitalized cases were reported. There are currently 25 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties.

DHHS has also announced two additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 2 male residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older

In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 10,397 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 768 (7%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated October 26, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	10,397
Recovered	8,920 (86%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	475 (5%)

Total Current COVID-19 Cases	1,002
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	768 (7%)
Current Hospitalizations	25
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	333,115
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	32,015
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	51,292
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	796
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	4,450

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.

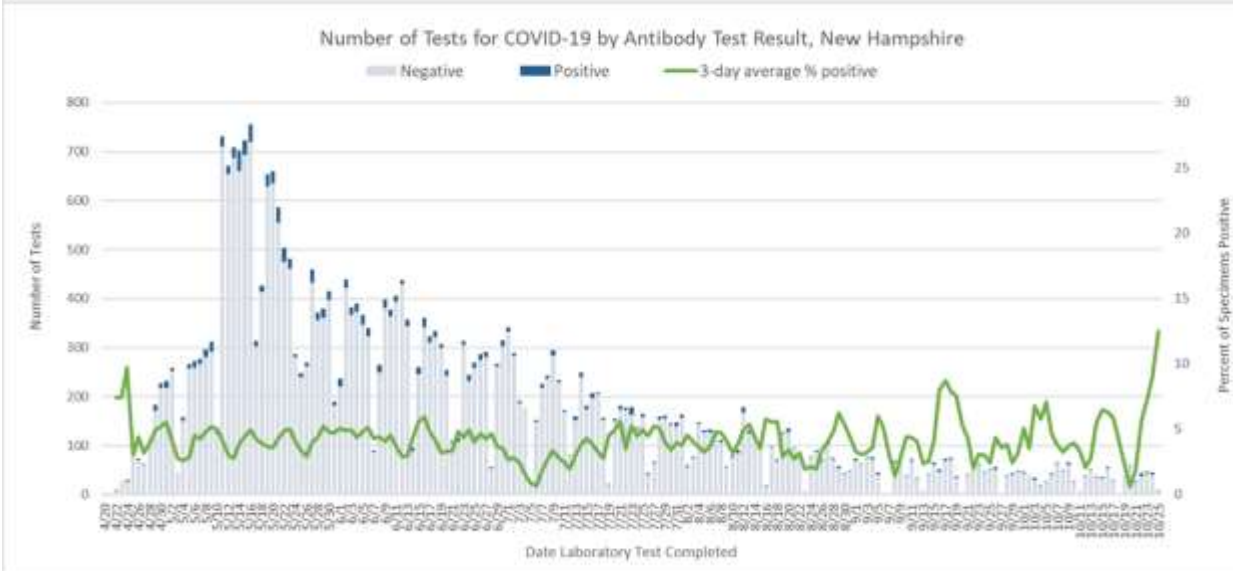
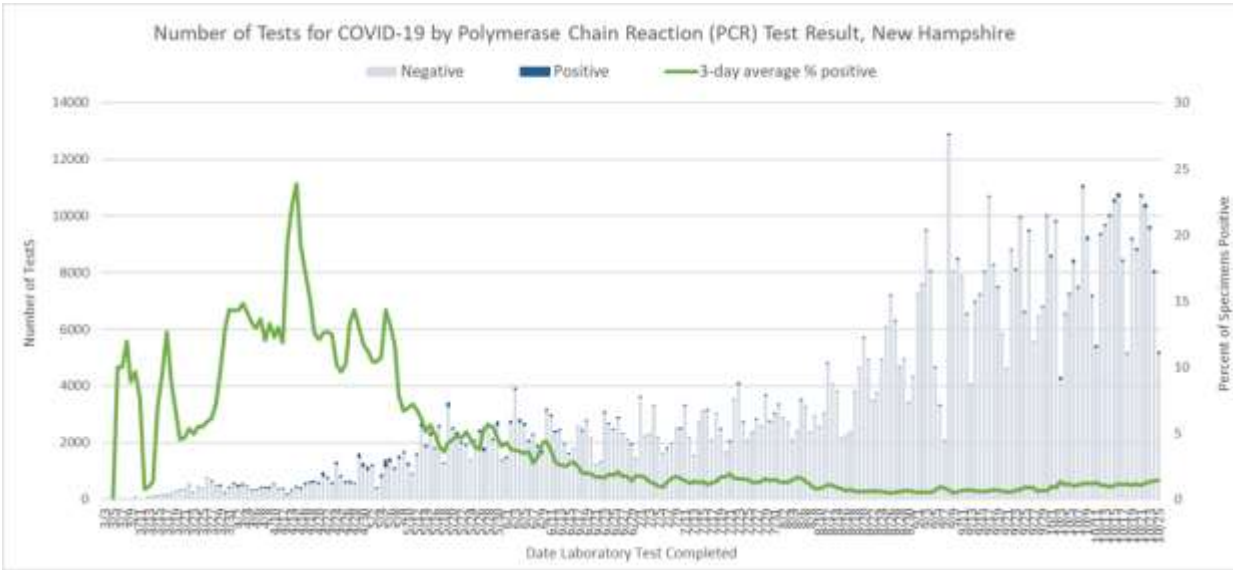
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	888	687	850	656	519	838	858	757
LabCorp	239	996	1,018	1,095	1,240	1,210	991	970
Quest Diagnostics	2,404	1,050	1,384	1,244	961	717	2,539	1,471
Mako Medical	0	0	23	141	91	18	59	47
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	157	513	870	659	932	585	217	562
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	304	427	442	450	474	268	197	366
Other Laboratory*	948	1,674	1,688	1,955	2,296	1,179	303	1,435
University of New Hampshire**	4,285	3,532	4,486	4,217	3,156	3,268	50	3,285
Total	9,225	8,879	10,761	10,417	9,669	8,083	5,214	8,893
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	Daily Average
LabCorp	2	7	9	9	11	11	1	7
Quest Diagnostics	16	34	14	20	21	27	6	20

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	4	9	2	8	4	2	0	4
Other Laboratory*	13	7	3	6	4	5	2	6
Total	35	57	28	43	40	45	9	37

* 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.



[NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive](#)

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