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## **NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 31, 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 31, 2020, DHHS announced 205 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 1.6%. Today's results include 145 people who tested positive by PCR test and 60 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 1,338 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 thirty-one individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 53% being female and 47% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (50), Strafford (28), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (27), Coos (15), Merrimack (13), Belknap (10), Grafton (9), Cheshire (6), Sullivan (5), and Carroll (2) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (19) and Manchester (13). The county of residence is being determined for eight new cases.

Two new hospitalized cases were reported. There are currently 42 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. This census may include out of state residents hospitalized in NH and/or individuals readmitted to the hospital, therefore increases in the daily hospital census may not always equal the number of new hospitalizations reported in a given day. One 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 had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

DHHS has announced one additional death 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

In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 11,084 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 779 (7%) of those having been hospitalized.

### **Current Situation in New Hampshire**

**New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report  
(data updated October 31, 2020, 9:00 AM)**

NH Persons with COVID-19 <sup>1</sup>	11,084
Recovered	9,263 (84%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	483 (4%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	1,338
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	779 (7%)
Current Hospitalizations	42
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) <sup>2</sup>	345,085
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests <sup>2</sup>	32,170
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	52,254
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL <sup>3</sup>	1,108
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	4,400

<sup>1</sup>Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

<sup>2</sup>Includes 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.

<sup>3</sup>Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

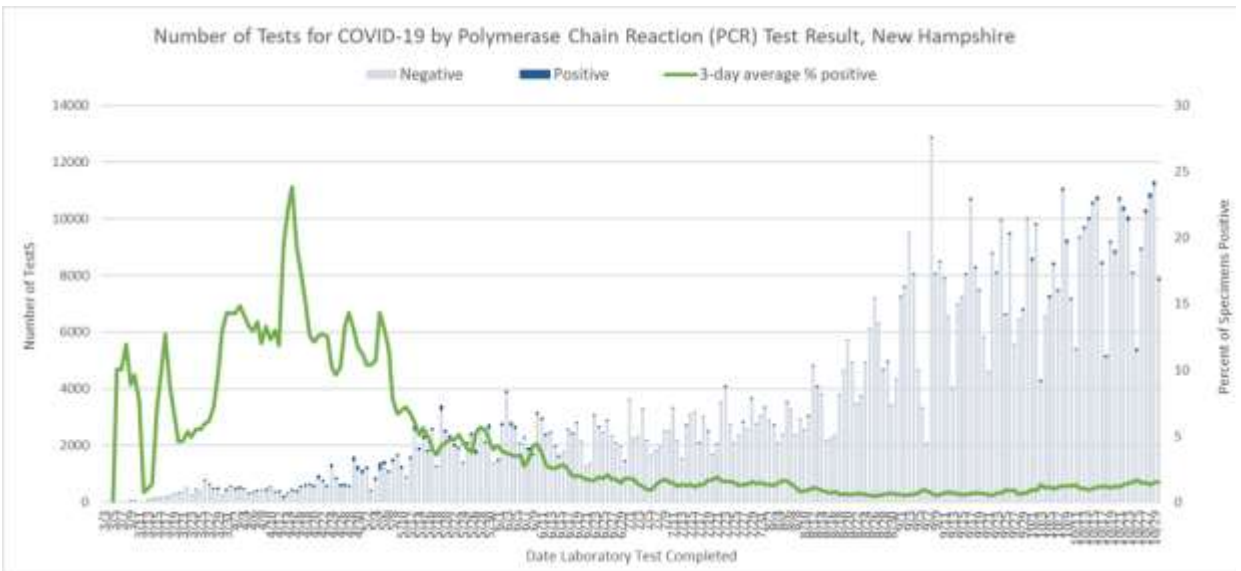
**Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS**

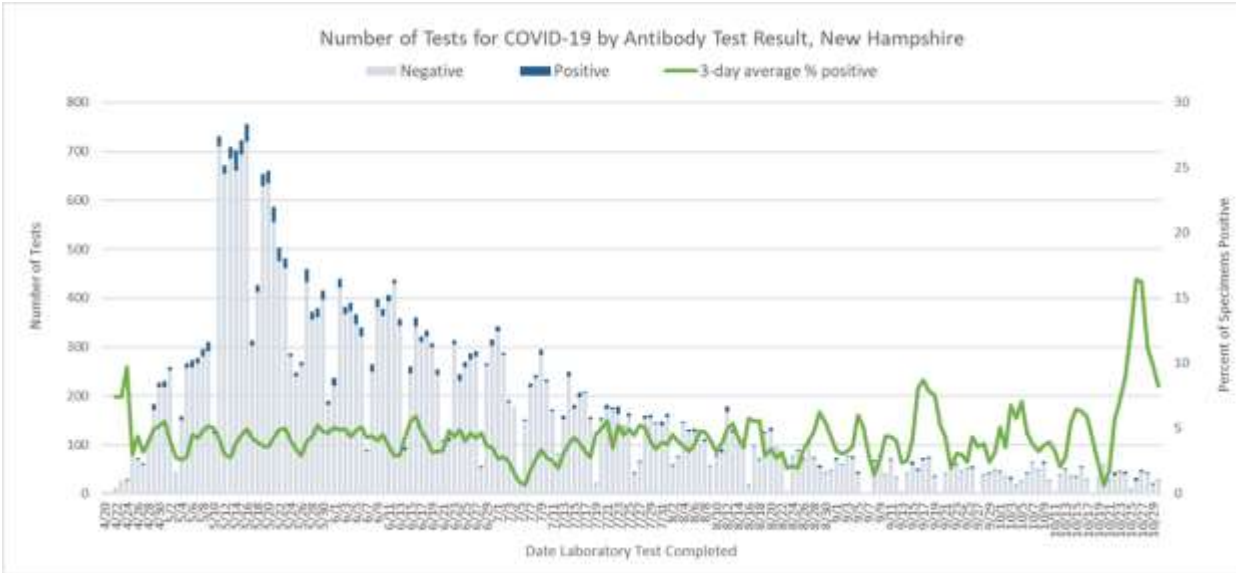
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	838	858	724	719	940	915	672	809
LabCorp	1,212	995	651	1,000	1,543	1,176	677	1,036
Quest Diagnostics	724	2,591	2,316	1,363	1,544	1,526	1,427	1,642
Mako Medical	18	59	3	1	14	18	68	26
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	579	217	153	596	870	908	649	567
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	269	198	290	494	456	449	328	355
Other Laboratory*	1,185	466	849	1,958	1,821	1,930	1,390	1,371
University of New Hampshire**	3,320	50	3,986	4,209	3,711	4,413	2,716	3,201
Total	8,145	5,434	8,972	10,340	10,899	11,335	7,927	9,007

Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	Daily Average
LabCorp	11	1	1	6	15	4	0	5
Quest Diagnostics	27	6	11	23	19	6	16	15
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	2	0	12	6	3	5	7	5
Other Laboratory*	5	2	9	10	6	6	0	5
Total	45	9	33	45	43	21	23	31

\* 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.





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

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