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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – October 5, 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 5, 2020, DHHS announced 35 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a daily PCR test positivity rate of 0.4%. Today’s results include 30 people who tested positive by PCR test and 5 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 490 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 is one individual under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 40% being female and 60% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (7), Strafford (5), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (4), Belknap (3), Merrimack (2), Sullivan (2), Carroll (1), and Cheshire (1) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (6) and Manchester (4).

No new hospitalized cases were identified. There are currently 22 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. 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 have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or recently traveled.

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

- 1 female resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older

In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 8,680 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 743 (9%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (data updated October 5, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19,	8,680
Recovered	7,746 (89%)

Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	444 (5%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	490
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	743 (9%)
Current Hospitalizations	22
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	282,659
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	31,281
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	47,734
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	1,207
Persons Being Monitored in NH (approximate point in time)	2,750

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.

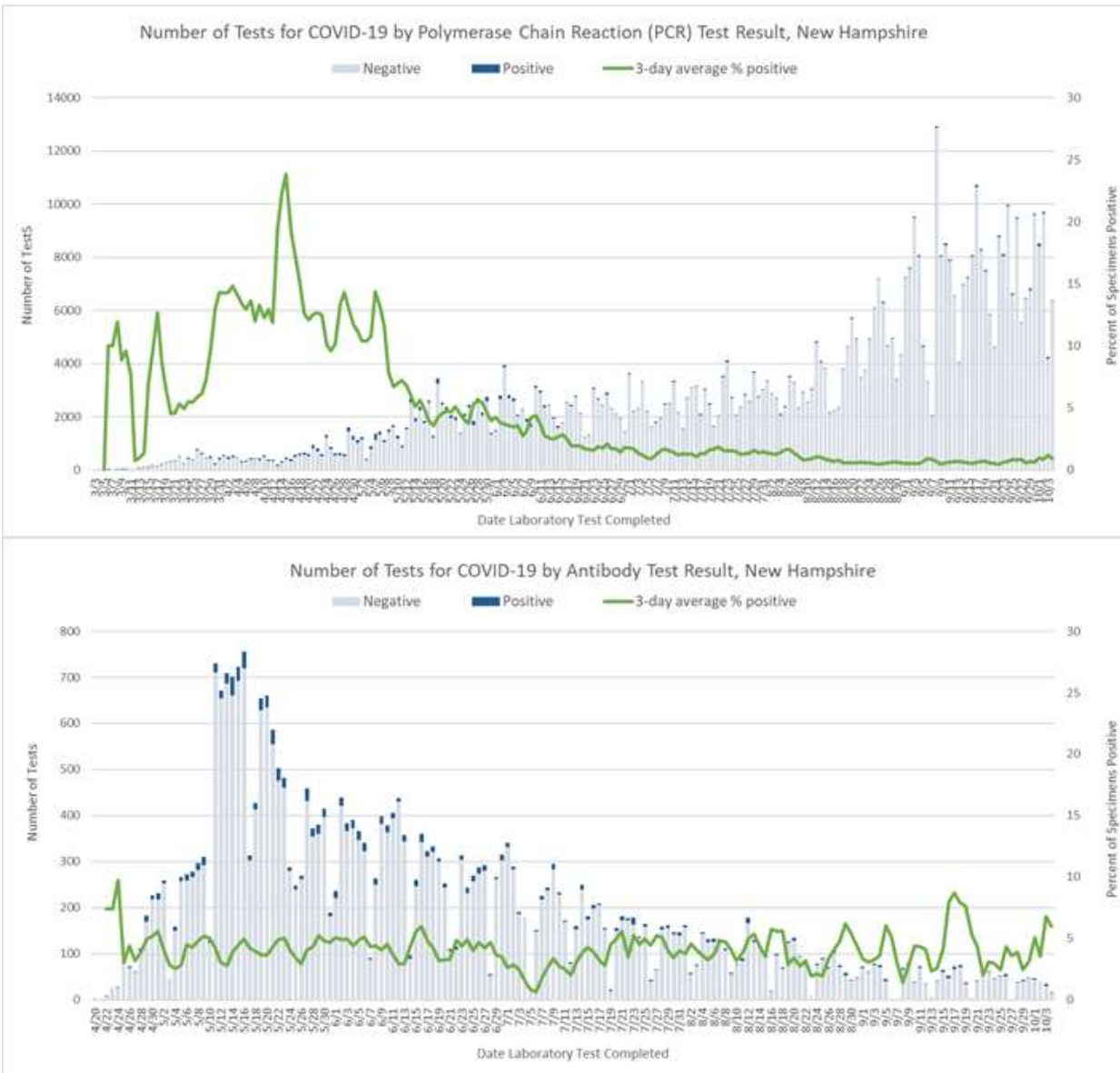
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	1,300	719	869	917	1,289	754	718	938
LabCorp	78	1,122	1,251	734	679	894	365	732
Quest Diagnostics	763	651	2,036	1,597	1,559	1,230	1,940	1,397
Mako Medical	0	0	6	10	133	0	0	21
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	42	820	787	852	701	693	190	584
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	400	391	391	313	450	252	205	343
Other Laboratory*	114	209	139	300	223	201	55	177
University of New Hampshire**	3,754	2,912	4,168	3,803	4,682	221	2,888	3,204
Total	6,451	6,824	9,647	8,526	9,716	4,245	6,361	7,396
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4	Daily Average
LabCorp	1	9	8	6	6	5	1	5

Quest Diagnostics	20	25	19	28	24	22	15	22
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	3	7	9	6	7	3	0	5
Other Laboratory*	13	1	12	5	2	4	0	5
Total	37	42	48	45	39	34	16	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 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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