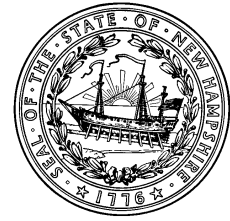


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## NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – February 23, 2021

**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, February 23, 2021, DHHS announced 259 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.6%. Today's results include 136 people who tested positive by PCR test and 123 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,728 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **2/22: 259** new cases

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-six individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 49% being female and 51% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (53), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (49), Grafton (23), Strafford (18), Merrimack (17), Carroll (15), Cheshire (11), Coos (8), Belknap (7), and Sullivan (4) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (21) and Nashua (13). The county of residence is being determined for twenty new cases.

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 have 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 Cheshire County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 112 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 73,923 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

### Current Situation in New Hampshire

#### New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated February 23, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	73,923
Recovered	70,040 (95%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,155 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,728
Current Hospitalizations	112

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) <sub>1</sub>	623,954
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests <sub>2</sub>	37,467
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	68,376
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL <sub>3</sub>	288

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

<sub>2</sub>Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

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

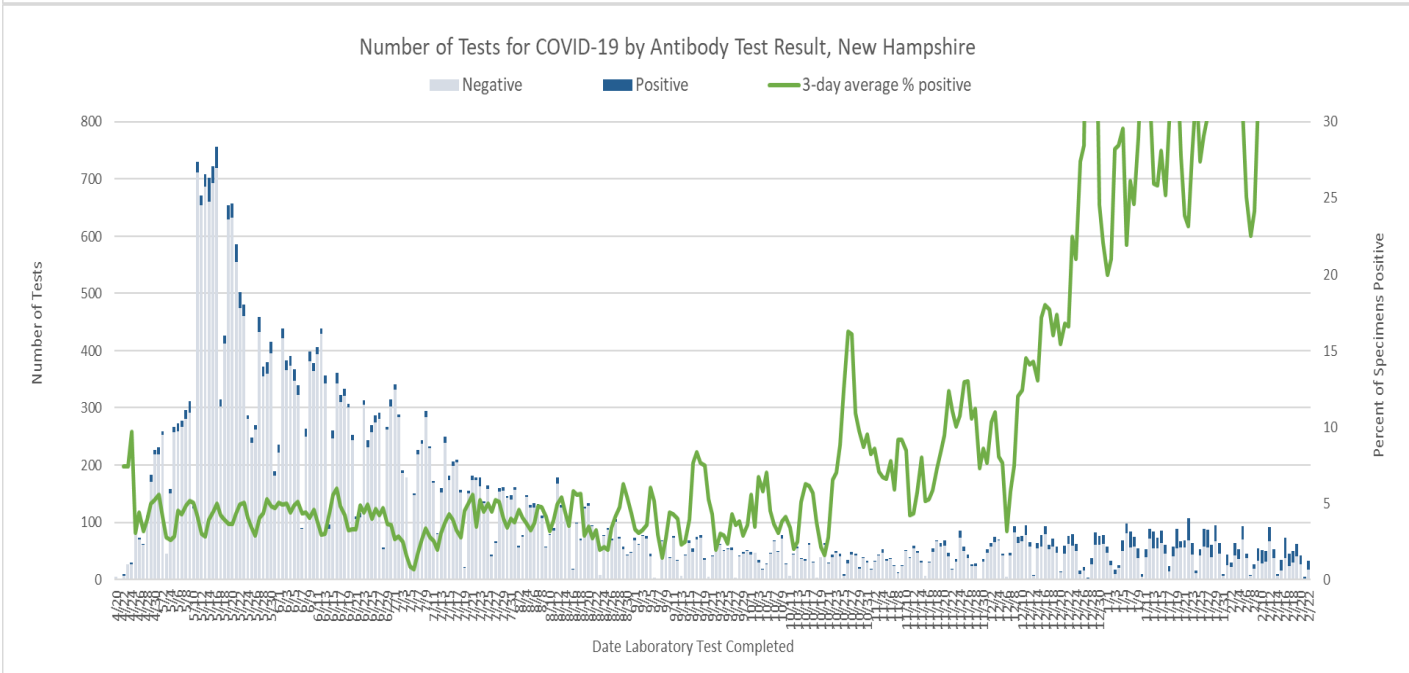
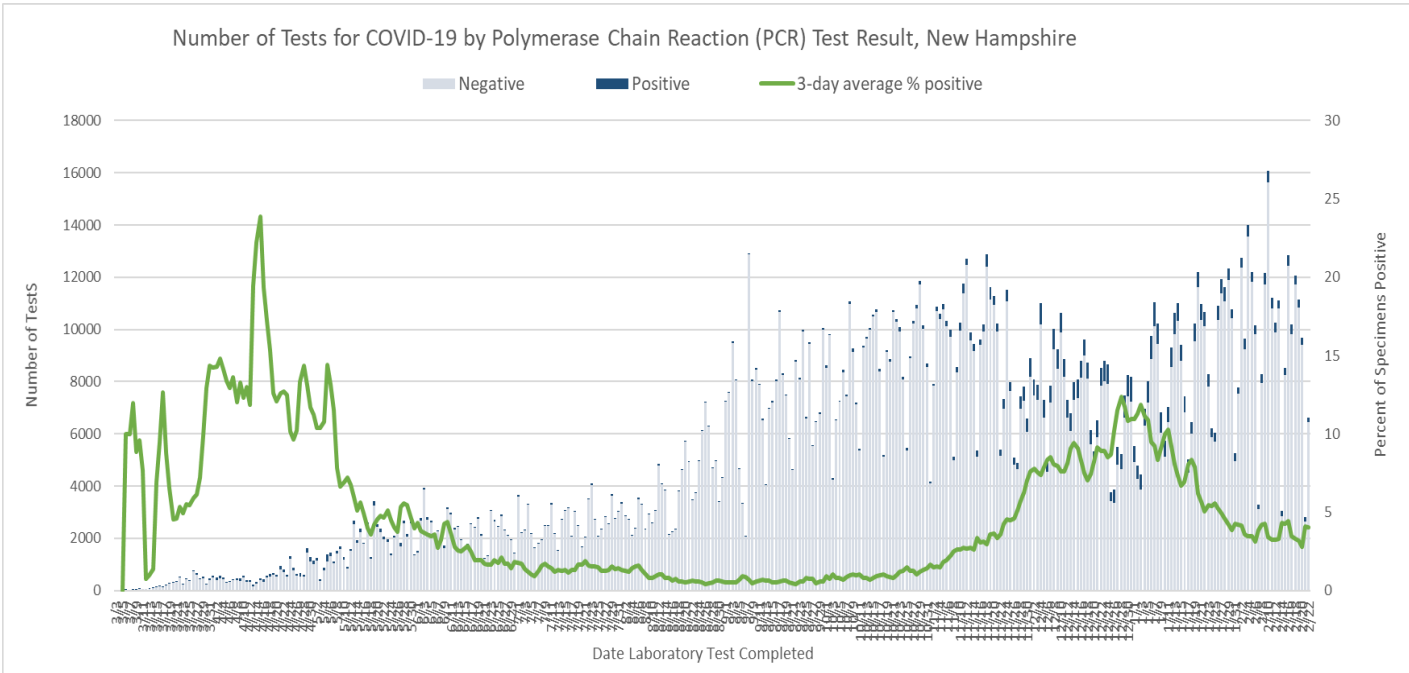
## Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21	2/22	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	92	770	779	463	476	220	3	400
LabCorp	716	647	683	584	389	565	309	556
Quest Diagnostics	595	635	719	582	671	442	304	564
Mako Medical	377	29	1	10	283	0	87	112
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	664	398	448	351	374	186	314	391
NorDX Laboratory	690	385	668	360	257	167	53	369
Broad Institute	4,846	3,106	3,821	4,614	4,157	699	1,171	3,202
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	406	343	742	421	357	269	332	410
Other Laboratory*	538	257	297	274	303	201	213	298
University of New Hampshire**	3,913	3,636	3,912	3,499	2,408	70	3,830	3,038
Total	12,837	10,206	12,070	11,158	9,675	2,819	6,616	9,340
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21	2/22	Daily Average
LabCorp	31	8	17	13	11	5	0	12
Quest Diagnostics	25	17	13	17	20	0	7	14
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	3	7	8	5	3	0	10	5
NorDX Laboratory	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Other Laboratory*	9	5	9	15	2	0	4	6
Total	69	37	47	50	37	5	21	38

\* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

\*\* Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboratory and their contracted lab Veritas.



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

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

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