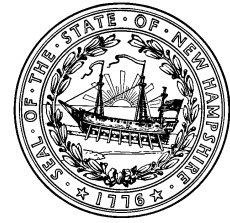


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – December 27, 2020

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Sunday, December 27, 2020, DHHS announced 891 new positive test results for COVID-19, with a current PCR test positivity rate of 9.1%. Today's results include 594 people who tested positive by PCR test and 297 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 6,994 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **12/20:** 36 new cases today, for an updated total of **646** cases
- **12/21:** 78 new cases today, for an updated total of **596** cases
- **12/22:** 24 new cases today, for an updated total of **479** cases
- **12/23:** 200 new cases today, for an updated total of **1,020** cases
- **12/24:** 464 new cases today, for an updated total of **744** cases
- **12/25:** 83 new cases today, for an updated total of **83** cases
- **12/26:** 6 new cases

Test results for previous days are still being processed and the total number of new positives for those days are not yet complete. Updated case counts for prior days will be reflected on the [COVID-19 interactive dashboard](#).

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 one hundred and eighteen individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 54% being female and 46% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (192), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (140), Merrimack (99), Strafford (88), Belknap (44), Cheshire (35), Grafton (23), Carroll (11), Coos (11), and Sullivan (4) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (121) and Nashua (90). The county of residence is being determined for thirty-three 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 are either associated with an outbreak setting or have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

DHHS has also announced seven additional deaths 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
- 2 male residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Strafford County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 270 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 40,809 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed with 895 (2%) of those having been hospitalized.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated December 27, 2020, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	40,809
Recovered	33,107 (81%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	708 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	6,994
Persons Who Have Been Hospitalized for COVID-19	895 (2%)
Current Hospitalizations	270
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	503,140
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	34,567
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	N/A
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	477

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, 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

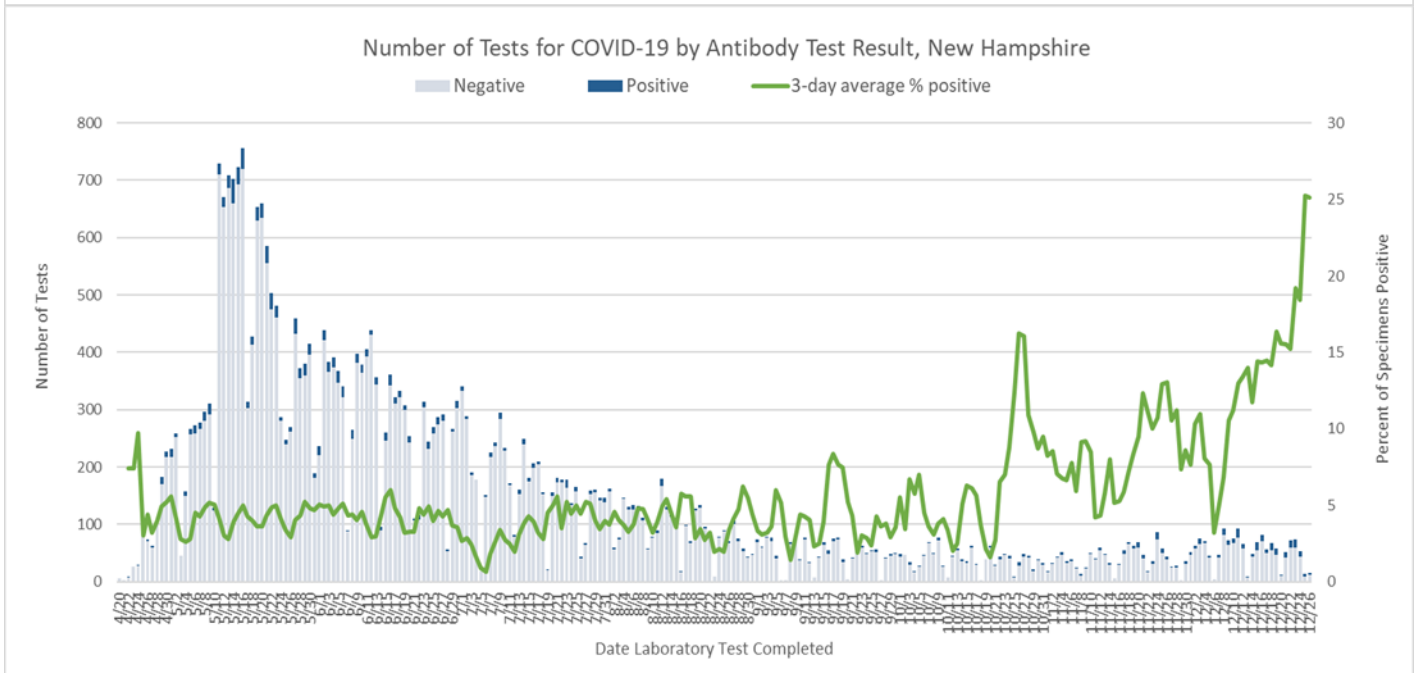
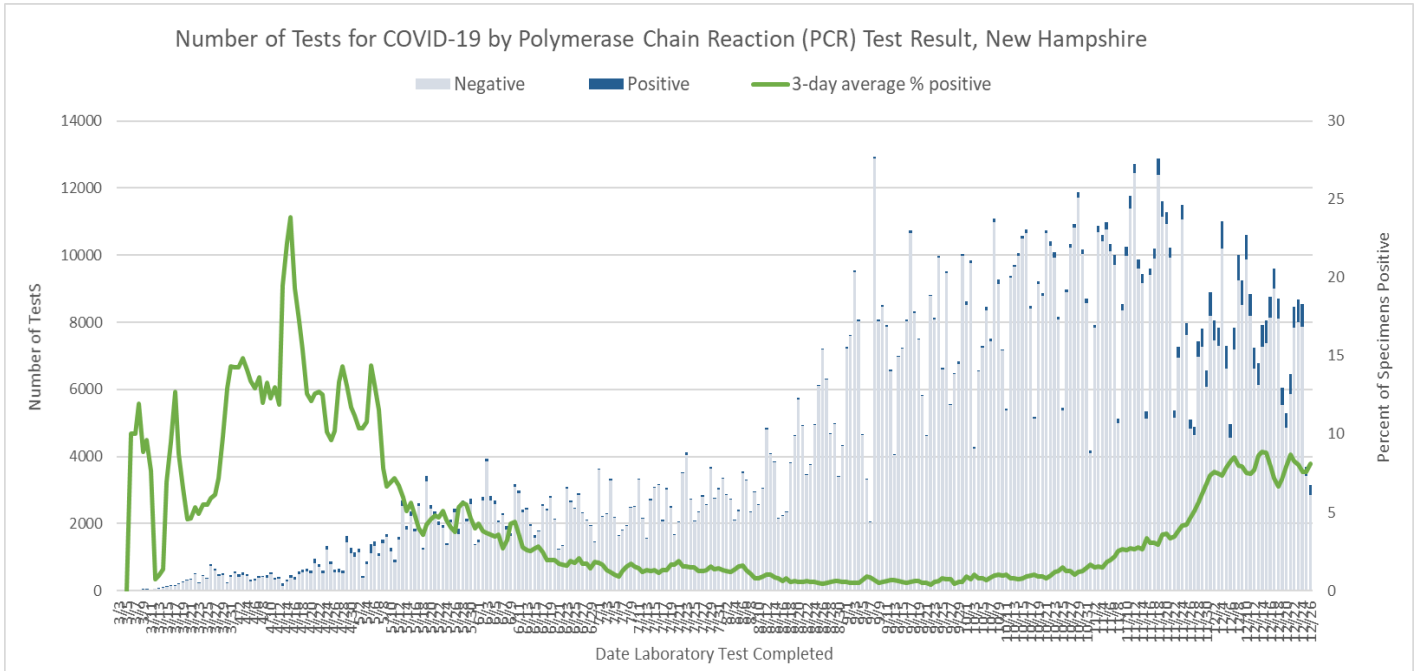
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25	12/26	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	1,166	658	802	1,290	1,584	0	707	887
LabCorp	1,266	1,038	1,479	1,358	1,651	366	478	1,091
Quest Diagnostics	984	790	1,187	1,323	1,420	1,404	737	1,121
Mako Medical	362	8	90	1,021	529	695	65	396
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	458	222	574	920	823	586	0	512
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	322	634	666	673	420	183	261	451
Other Laboratory*	736	1,485	1,797	2,066	2,097	468	889	1,363
University of New Hampshire**	0	1,613	1,860	13	9	0	0	499
Total	5,294	6,448	8,455	8,664	8,533	3,702	3,137	6,319
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25	12/26	Daily Average
LabCorp	4	0	19	24	15	7	0	10

Quest Diagnostics	8	11	25	26	27	2	0	14
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	0	5	6	6	3	0	0	3
Other Laboratory*	0	31	11	16	6	0	15	11
Total	12	47	61	72	51	9	15	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 laboartory 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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