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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – April 26, 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 Monday, April 26, 2021, DHHS announced 138 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 7.3%. Today's results include 102 people who tested positive by PCR test and 36 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,717 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **4/25: 138** 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 twenty-seven individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 57% being female and 43% being male. The new cases reside in Strafford (29), Rockingham (27), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (17), Merrimack (13), Belknap (7), Cheshire (6), Grafton (6), Carroll (3), Coos (2), and Sullivan (1) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (16) and Nashua (5). The county of residence is being determined for six 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 had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

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

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

There are currently 86 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 93,935 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated April 26, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	93,935
Recovered	89,932 (96%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,286 (1%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,717
Current Hospitalizations	86
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR):	692,396

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests₂ 39,333

Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL 72,353

Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL₃ 0

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	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	186	195	918	886	504	192	0	412
LabCorp	244	569	499	548	472	262	343	420
Quest Diagnostics	316	574	552	827	782	445	277	539
Mako Medical	70	2	56	107	42	0	0	40
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	153	378	549	344	489	252	1	309
NorDX Laboratory	22	467	182	349	198	80	47	192
Broad Institute	2,039	4,322	5,282	2,832	7,976	2,092	448	3,570
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	424	536	723	470	442	390	265	464
Other Laboratory*	461	583	811	589	416	279	128	467
University of New Hampshire**	4,311	3,633	3,621	4,063	3,521	1,845	30	3,003
Total	8,226	11,259	13,193	11,015	14,842	5,837	1,539	9,416
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25	Daily Average
LabCorp	2	4	5	2	7	9	1	4
Quest Diagnostics	0	5	5	10	7	14	4	6
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	3	8	5	4	5	3	0	4
NorDX Laboratory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Laboratory*	11	5	13	10	8	1	0	7
Total	16	22	28	26	27	27	5	22

* 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.

The most up-to-date test positivity rates are available <https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/testing>.

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

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