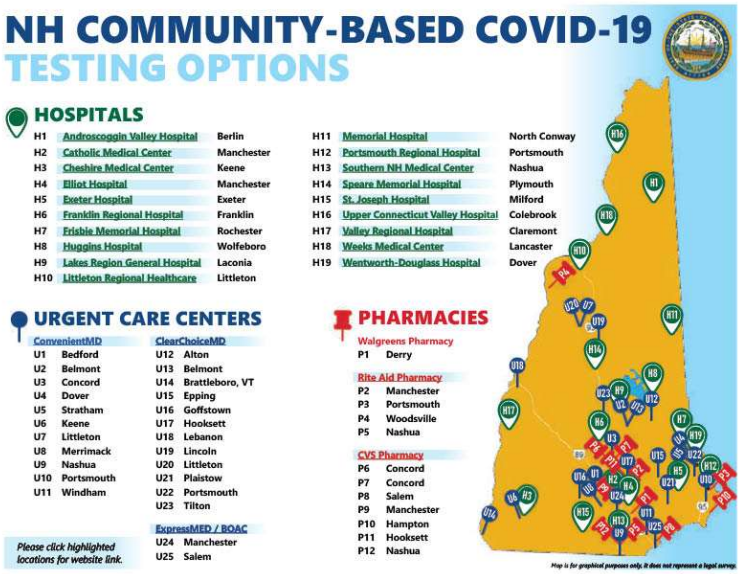
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

WHAT'S NEWS for Monday, August 10, 2020

Portsmouth Protection Plan: Safer At Home.

Do your part. Wear a mask whenever you are in public, indoors or out. Avoid gatherings public or private. Keep distance between yourself and others. Governor Sununu's "Safer At Home" guidelines continue. For the full details on the Governor's Executive Orders, click here.

Face-Coverings Ordinance Proposed -- After the Portsmouth City Council unanimously approved a mask-wearing resolution at their meeting on July 13 they asked the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for First Reading at their meeting on Aug 3. The Council invites the public to comment at their Special Meeting on August 18 for a Second Reading. For the draft ordinance, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-08/MaskOrdinance%202020.08.03.pdf



TESTING-- The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services provides this list as a service to the community. The Department does not endorse any particular entity for COVID-19 testing services. https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/covid-testing-options.pdf

COVID-19 CONCERNS ACCEPTED AS VALID REASON FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT -- Absentee Ballots are now available for the September and November elections. For more voter information, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voting-information **The City Clerk is also in need of Election Workers for both dates.** Those interested should call 603-610-7208 or email CityClerk@CityofPortsmouth.com

Any registered voter meeting one of these 5 criteria can quality for an Absentee Ballot:

1) Absent from the City on the day of the election

2) Observance of a religious commitment on Election Day
3) Due to disability
4) Concerns about COVID-19
5) Employment Obligation (including the care of children and infirm adults, with or without compensation)

To receive an application for an absentee ballot, come to the City Clerk's office, call or click here to download the application. Then mail it or bring it to the City Clerk's Office to receive your absentee ballot.

SAGAMORE AVE. SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING, TUES AUG 11 at 6:30 pm, via Zoom. For Zoom registration information, click here.
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-08/revSagamoreAveSewerProject%20ZoomRegistration%202020.08.11.pdf

CITY WELFARE DEPT. ASKS FOR DONATIONS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES -- Since 2006, the Welfare Department has collected back-to-school supplies for area children in need, Pre-K to Post Grad. To minimize physical interactions, the Welfare Department **suggests donors might consider supplying gift cards instead of supplies. These can be mailed, left in the gray drop box in front of City Hall or, dropped off with the receptionist.** Please contact Ellen Tully, 610-7267, etully@cityofportsmouth.com with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your generosity. For more information:
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/news/welfare-dept-seeks-donations-school-supplies

NH AGRICULTURE RELIEF PROGRAM EXPANDED
Application period for COVID-19-related expenses and/or lost sales incurred during the period from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 is now open. Deadline August 31, 2020 at 11:59 pm For more information, click here.

CLIPPER STRONG FUND -- Small businesses who would like to receive a **free Clipper Strong Fund Care Package** (containing disposable face masks, signage asking customers to wear masks and a touchless thermometer) should **send an email with the name of the business, location, phone and email contact to** hotline@cityofportsmouth.com Donations still welcome! Click here to make a donation online at ClipperStrong.org

DPW PROJECTS THIS WEEK.

- **CORPORATE DRIVE, GOOSBAY RD. CONSTRUCTION --** Grinding and paving the loop road past Wentworth-Douglas, Lonza and Cisco Brewers.
- **BANFIELD ROAD CONSTRUCTION –** Between Heritage Ave and Ocean Rd. Alternating one-way traffic and flaggers in place.
- **ISLINGTON STREET --** Sidewalk work begins between the bridge over the Bypass to Aldrich Road plus 100 ft. of Spinney Rd. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/islington-street-corridor-reconstruction-project
- **MARKET STREET BRIDGE** – Traffic reduced to one lane, police detail and flaggers in place. Work to upgrade the traffic signals at the downtown intersections with Maplewood also continues.

For the latest on individual projects, click here and then on the Projects tab.
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks

For all the COVID-related resources, click here.

For answers to other questions about the City's response to COVID-19, please email: hotline@cityofportsmouth.com

For more information, visit City's page on COVID-19