CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory
Monday, February 1, 2021
SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

SIGN UP FOR WINTER PARKING BAN NOTICES AND OTHER CITY ALERTS – The City sends out email and text alerts via the CodeRed notification system. During snowstorms these notices alert residents to such things as trash pickup rescheduling and when the public garages are full, as well as announcing parking bans. **These alerts are announced in several different ways:**

- **CodeRED**: anyone can sign up to receive automatic email and text alerts, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/parkportsmouth/snowrelatedimpacts
- **Snow Phone**: call 766-7669 (SNO-SNOW) to hear recorded messages.
- **Channel 22**: snow parking bans are posted as bulletins
- **CityofPortsmouth.com:** a yellow (planned) or red (in effect) banner appears at the top of City website pages when snow parking ban events occur.
- **Twitter**: follow @PortsmouthDPW
- **Public Works Department:** call 427-1530 or report a snow clearing issue use the Click 'n Fix system. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/portsmouth-click-n-fix
- **During parking bans, residents should take advantage of spaces in City parking lots and reduced rates in the garages** when the parking ban is in effect! Flat fee parking: $3 at Foundry Place and $5 at the Hanover garage, good from 4 pm Dec 16 until 2 hours after. Regular rates apply for additional time parked beyond the lifting of the ban.

TUESDAY VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS RESCHEDULED -- New Hampshire health officials have contacted anyone with a Tues 2/2 vaccination appointment to reschedule either today or at a convenient time.

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – As of February 1, NH had received **217,100** doses of vaccine and had vaccinated **128,313.** For the vaccine tracker, by state, click here: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations

AGE 65+ VACCINATION APPOINTMENT WEBSITE -- Scheduling an appointment online at https://vaccines.nh.gov is the fastest, most efficient way to do so and is highly encouraged. The website is designed to handle 100,000+ people at the same time.

For those unable to schedule an appointment online, the 211 Hotline remains available, 7 days a week, 6 am to 10 pm. That call center is staffed by 300+ people, but high wait times are expected.

Those 65+ who do not have Internet access and need assistance can call Brinn Sullivan [603-610-4433] at the Portsmouth Senior Activity Center. Please note that the City is not setting up vaccination appointments. Brinn is simply available to help seniors over the telephone to register on the State website. **Brinn is also assisting seniors who need assistance with transportation to the local vaccination sites.**

Vaccinations for Phase 1B began on January 26. An estimated 250,000 of the 300,000 individuals eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination within Phase 1B of the state's distribution plan have registered so far. **Governor Sununu has announced additional appointments available to those trying to schedule a Dose 2 appointment. NH DHHS is sending email/text on Mon Feb 1 to everyone who has received Dose 1 who have not already received Dose 2. Look for the DHHS email.**

For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/vaccination-planning-faq.pdf

PORTSMOUTH VACCINE FAQs from the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Health and City Health Department, click here. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/vaccination-faqs

NEW FAQs: "I Had COVID-19, Now What?" https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/health/after-covid-19-faqs

NEW: ADDITION TO VENTILATION FAQs:
I need to travel in a car with someone who is not a member of my household. Are there any measures we can take to reduce the risk of transmission while in the vehicle together? Wearing a mask and putting as much distance as possible between driver and passenger -- passenger in right rear (RR) seat diagonally distant from the driver in the front left (FL) -- helps. New research https://advances.sciencemag.org/content/7/1/eabe0166 on air flow in the cabin of the vehicle has provided important new information:

- All 4 windows fully open provides the maximum air exchange (ACH), but may not be practical, especially in winter.
- Having the driver and the passenger each roll down their "own" windows (FL and RR) provides more air flow than keeping all the windows closed.
- The maximum benefit in air exchange that reduces transmission between driver and passenger is to open the front RIGHT and rear LEFT windows.

Researcher Varghese Mathai found that opening the windows halfway seemed to provide about the same benefit as opening them fully, while opening them just one-quarter of the way was less effective. The flow in trucks and the effects of opening sunroofs/moonroofs are not yet reported.

NEW! PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MASK MANDATE AS OF FEB 1 -- Affirming the Executive Order, the CDC has issued an order requiring travelers to wear a mask on public transportation in the U.S. The CDC order states **passengers on airplanes, trains, buses, subways, ships, ferries, taxis and ride-shares must wear a mask that** covers their nose and mouth while getting on such vehicles, during the ride and while getting off. https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Mask-Order-CDC_GMTF_01-29-21-p.pdf

NEW! SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER RESILIENCY SURVEY -- The Chamber Collaborative is partnering on Phase 2 of the 2021 NH SBDC Business Resiliency Survey that the NH Small Business Development Center (SBDC) developed with the UNH Survey Center to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on small businesses throughout New Hampshire. Last summer's Phase 1 survey (see the results here) identified how businesses were responding to the pandemic have evolved. **Phase 2 aims to determine how best to help small businesses recover and become more resilient**. The survey is available now and will be live through **Monday, Feb. 15. It** should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Click here to take the 2021 NH SBDC Business Resiliency Survey. Business organizations throughout the state are partnering to share the survey with their constituents, so if you have already taken it, thank you for participating!

NEW! WATER QUALITY & ECOSYSTEM HEALTH PROJECTS 2016-2021 -- As part of the City's Consent Decree with the EPA, the City agreed to expend $500,000 over a period of five years on supplemental environmental projects. Between 2016 and 2021, City staff has worked collaboratively with the Great Bay 2020 group including representatives from the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP), the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), the Department of Environmental Services (DES), the Great Bay Stewards and The Nature Conservancy to identify these environmental projects. City staff and PREP have compiled an illustrated brochure describing how the City's mitigation funds have delivered environmental benefits throughout the Great Bay Estuary. The brochure may be found here: https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2021-02/GB2020_Portsmouth%20Impact%20Report.pdf

RESCHEDULED FROM MON FEB 1 to THURS Feb 4: Islington @ Columbia Street road work. 7 am to 3:30 pm, weather permitting.

MCINTYRE DESIGNER ROUNTABLE, THURS FEB 11, 6-8 pm via Zoom -- Join Principle Group for a Designers Roundtable session on the McIntyre Project designs. Principle Group will present the draft designs and local designers (aka "Panelists") will critique and provide comments. The Roundtable will offer the option for the public to ask questions and engage with the designers. Advance registration is required. To register for the Zoom meeting: *https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrcOuurzgoG9Pmqmm-IymKgMUIs3RyDgO6*

NEW! PERMITS FOR OUTDOOR DINING – APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN -- City staff started reviewing and renewing applications for the 2021 outdoor dining season as of February 1.

- **Those approved for the 2020 season DO NOT need to reapply**. They will be contacted directly by the City to renew their licenses for the upcoming season.
- **Businesses who were not approved in 2020 and wish to operate an outdoor cafe on public property in 2021 must apply for approval** by submitting an application through the City's Viewpoint online permitting portal. https://portsmouthnh.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1076/record-types/6431
- Anyone **opening a new restaurant, is an existing restaurant that is expanding or adding an outdoor area on private property, or who seeks to place tables, chairs or signage on a public sidewalk** with no food or alcohol service, please click here for more information. https://portsmouthnh.viewpointcloud.com/projectTemplate/4

For more information about outdoor café permitting standards and guidance on application submissions, click here. http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/files/planning/StandardsforUseofPublicRealmandSampleLayout.pdf
Once an application is approved, use of public sidewalks is allowed starting March 1. Approved use of public streets will start April 1, weather permitting. Questions? Planning Department at 610-7216 or planning@cityofportsmouth.com.

NH LODGING & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEE RELIEF FUND --The fund provides NH hospitality employees with a one-time $250 grant. The funds were donated by companies, organizations, and individuals who appreciate and want to support New Hampshire's hospitality employees. Funding is on a first-come, first-serve basis to those who complete this application. You can donate to support hospitality employees through these grants here. Find out more at nhlra.com.

TIP TIP #8: Help change the trend! Some 19% of Americans say they tip less than they did before COVID-19, according to a Harris Poll conducted exclusively for *Fast Company*. How closely people are clenching their wallets depends on their age; about one-quarter of folks ages 18-34 and those 35-44 tip less often than they used to, versus 18% for 45- to 54-year-olds, 14% for 55- to 64-year-olds, and 12% for those 65 and older.

Senior Center Meals on Wheels Grab & Go FREE Lunch: TWO MEALS IN FEBRUARY

- **Valentine's Day Brown Bag Lunch, Friday, Feb 12. Compliments of Evolve at Rye. RSVP by Tuesday, Feb 9 to 603-610-4433 or bsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com** Menu: Sandwich, salad, chips and a cookie for dessert.
- **Mardi Gras Grab & Go Gumbo, Thursday, Feb 18. RSVP by Friday, Feb 12 to 603-610-4433 or bsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com.** Menu : chicken & sweet sausage gumbo, jasmine rice, creamed spinach, corn bread and a slice of King Cake for dessert. Free but a $3 per meal donation can be made to Meals on Wheels.

BOTH MEALS:

- Pickup between 11 am and 12 noon at the Senior Activity Center, 125 Cottage Street, in the front of the building.
- Meal staff wear masks and put the food in the passenger side door or back seat. Please wear a mask, too.

STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 26, 2021
https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/2020-25.pdf

PORTSMOUTH MASK ORDINANCE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.
For answers to Portsmouth Mask Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions, click here.
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-10/MaskOrdinanceFAQ%202020.10.05.pdf

For Testing FAQs click here.
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/testing-faqs

For COVID-19 & Mask Facts click here.
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-mask-facts

For Ventilation FAQs click here.
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/ventilation-faqs

For Daily Life During the Pandemic FAQs, click here.
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/daily-life-during-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions

For more information, visit City's page on COVID-19:
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-information