CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

City Newsletter
SPECIAL EDITION
Thursday, December 2, 2021

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING MON DEC 6 at 7 pm. In-person in City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom. For Agenda and Zoom registration, click here. **CITY COUNCIL WILL PROCLAIM PORTSMOUTH A "PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY" Recipients welcome.**



PORTSMOUTH HEALTH DEPT HOSTS TWO MORE VACCINATION & BOOSTER CLINICS: TUES DEC 7, THURS DEC 9 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY -- At the First United Methodist Church, 129 Miller Avenue, Portsmouth. Please call Kim McNamara at 603-610-7273 to schedule an appointment for Dec 7 or 9. Appointments will be scheduled between 8 am and 12 noon (with 4 appointments for each 10-minute interval). **All vaccines available, at no charge, including Pfizer pediatric vaccine for 5-11 year-olds.** Primary Doses for Pfizer (2-doses), Moderna (2-doses), and J&J (1-dose). Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. For more information, click here: https://tinyurl.com/3bnsfsw **For boosters, be sure to bring your vaccination card and an ID.**

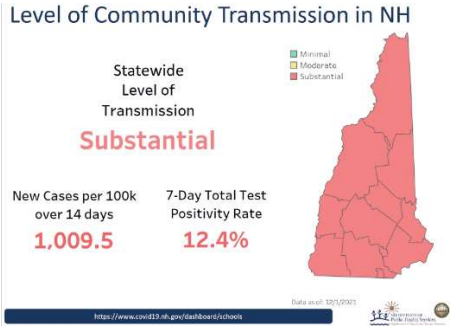
NEW NH SOURCE FOR FREE AT-HOME TESTING KITS – While NH DHHS secures new supplies of the "Say Yes to the Test" kits, they are **recommending the at-home PCR saliva tests available for NH residents from Vault Medical Services.** To order a free kit, visit: https://learn.vaulthealth.com/nh/

REGISTER NOW FOR NH BOOSTER BLITZ SAT DEC 11 –Register for a free COVID-19 booster at any of 15 locations. Closest are in Stratham and Rochester. To register, click here: https://business.nh.gov/covidvaccineregistration/. Each user can make appointments for up to five people. No walk-ins allowed.

FREE COVID-19 TESTING SITE AT FOX RUN MALL IN NEWINGTON – Open 7 days a week, 9 am to 3 pm in the old Sears store You receive a personalized QR code when you register and can check your results in 48 hours.

BOOSTERS FOR HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS –Call On-Site Medical Services, the company contracted by NH to provide homebound boosters, at 603-338-9292 or book an appointment online at the On-Site Medical website: https://www.on-sitemedservices.com/

NEW CDC GUIDANCE EXPECTED FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUIRES NEGATIVE TEST 1 DAY BEFORE ARRIVING IN US -- Under the current guidelines, people from other countries who are not fully vaccinated cannot travel to the U.S., while people who are fully vaccinated can as long as they provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within three days of traveling. For unvaccinated Americans, the guidelines already required proof of a negative test within one day of traveling. **The potential new rule would expand that one-day requirement to all vaccinated travelers coming into the U.S. from other countries.** After travel, the CDC also suggests vaccinated travelers get tested three to five days after arriving in the U.S. and that unvaccinated travelers self-quarantine for a full seven days, even if they test negative during that timeframe.



PORTSMOUTH CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE

REGISTER BY DEC 10 FOR 2021 HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST! $500 gift certificates to Lowe's, Home Depot and Ricci Lumber will be awarded to the winners of the Most Traditional, Most Creative and Kids' Choice categories. For full details and the registration form, click here: https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/2021-holiday-lights-contest Register by Dec 10. Judging takes place between Dec 11 and 19, with winners anounced at the City Council meeting Dec 20. Seacoast Media Group is the media sponsor.

CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE MEETING WED DEC 8 AT 6:30 PM – In person in City Hall Conference Room A and via Zoom. For the agenda and Zoom registration, click here: https://tinyurl.com/2p99rhzf

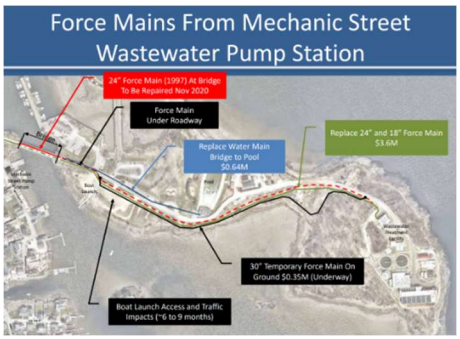
DPW CONSTRUCTION – For more information visit the DPW page on the City website, then click on the Projects tab for a dropdown menu that links to an individual page for each project with updates, project background and an opt-in email list. https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks

BARTLETT STREET COMPLETE STREETS PUBLIC INPUT MEETING DEC 9 AT 6:30 PM – In person in City Hall Conference Rm A and via Zoom. To discuss the segment of Bartlett between Dennett St. and Ricci Lumber. For the Zoom registration, click here: https://tinyurl.com/2p99y3rn

OCEAN ROAD/LAFAYETTE RD NEIGHBORHOOD FLOW ASSESSMENT NIGHT WORK STARTING MIDNIGHT MON -- The work involves lifting manhole covers to measure the flow in the pipe between two manholes, and will progress through the neighborhoods, one street at a time, **between midnight and 6 am, starting Monday night, through Dec 10**. The work affects the following:

- Suzanne Drive
- Simonds Road
- Wallis Road
- Ocean Road
- Winchester Street
- Pamela Drive
- Denise Street
- Mariette Drive
- Nathaniel Drive
- Lafayette Road between Ocean Road and the Rye town line

The work area will be identified by large equipment with flashing lights, in the road; and will require a police detail on one night. Some delays should be expected for anyone using these streets during the testing times; but there will be no interruption to water or other utility services.



PEIRCE ISLAND ROAD – WORK ON SEWER FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT -- Construction and equipment on and adjacent to Peirce Island Road and on the Peirce Island Road Bridge will impede traffic, on an intermittent basis, on weekdays between 7 am and 6 pm, through June 2022. **Starting Dec 6, this work will limit travel to a single lane of alternating one-way traffic.** Flaggers will control traffic and accommodate pedestrian travel, which will also be interrupted intermittently. Vehicles and pedestrians traveling to and from Peirce Island should expect minor delays.

REMINDER TO HOMEOWNERS & YARD SERVICES: DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET! Bag the leaves and leave them curbside for DPW solid waste removal. To learn more about reducing the impact of dead leaves on stormwater, click here for the new video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vp5lwUNVz0A



POST-VACCINATION FAQs – For the latest information on breakthrough infections and third doses of vaccine, click here: https://tinyurl.com/uurbmrse

VACCINE DEVELOPMENT BACKGROUND – For more information on how the COVID-19 vaccines were developed, tested and approved, click here. https://tinyurl.com/3yhreymk

RESTRICTED TRAVEL FROM SOUTH AFRICA -- As of November 26, 2021 the US government has decided to suspend and restrict the entry into the United States, as immigrants and nonimmigrants, of noncitizens of the United States ("noncitizens") who were physically present within the Republic of Botswana, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of South Africa, and the Republic of Zimbabwe during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States.

For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here:
https://tinyurl.com/tkvaksnw

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

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

For more information, visit City's page on COVID-19: https://tinyurl.com/2ywcu6ab

CITY HALL FACEBOOK PAGE:
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Want to know more about what's happening in the City? Click on the QR code or link below to sign up for the City Newsletter and/or individual email lists for projects. https://tinyurl.com/y2p67par