

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



## UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, May 3, 2020

**A subscriber reported there were “40 or 50 people enjoying the sunshine” in Market Square yesterday, with “only three wearing masks.” The City Health Officer reminds everyone, again – as does the NH State Epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan -- WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC. Do not congregate. The Governor’s “Stay At Home” order remains in place through May 31, 2020.**

### A Small Perspective

We had no warning.  
Unless you count  
the many weeks of warning  
from all corners of the world.

Then we suddenly said  
'no school tomorrow'.  
Millions of children arose  
confused. To clap or cry?

They question us, as children should.  
We search and struggle for words to explain,  
to settle all that is inexplicable, as adults should.  
We show, more than tell, how to traverse this terrain.

Still, they see the playground  
wrapped in yellow DANGER tape.  
Their eyes brim with the quiet tears  
of inadequate answers and no escape.

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- For more information from the State of NH, call 2-1-1