

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



## UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, May 10, 2020 – Happy Mothers’ Day!

**May 6-12 is National Nurses Week, ending on Florence Nightingale’s 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Governor Sununu’s “Stay At Home 2.0” order and guidelines remain in effect through May 31, 2020. For the order and guidelines, click here.**

<https://businesshelp.nheconomy.com/hc/en-us/articles/360047733253-5-1-2020-Governor-Chris-Sununu-Issues-Stay-at-Home-Order-2-0>

**NH Governor has promised free masks to any NH business requesting them. To order PPE masks, click here.** [https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page\\_id=8451](https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=8451)

**Excerpted from a longer work by Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax expressing some of the fears and vulnerabilities of the COVID-19 pandemic age:**

### Ground Glass

The only freedom I've been longing for  
is to go back to the blissful time  
when I had no idea  
how I would die.

Now I contemplate my covid comorbidities  
and consider, should doctors see  
the telltale ‘ground glass’ in my lungs  
what might happen next ...

First, I develop pneumonia, a crushing pain in the lungs  
I've known before. Then, perhaps weeks later, I wane...

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Until the blissful time returns, I'll stay home.  
When I must venture out, I'll wear a mask  
so you are free to worry less about ‘ground glass’  
and if you were to return the favor

that would be  
ever so kind.

**COAST BUS SERVICE RESUMES MONDAY, MAY 11 --** COAST resumes fixed route bus services (Routes 1, 2, 6, 40, 41, 100-103), and Route 7 On Demand, on Monday, May 11, as staffing allows. Passengers should restrict use to essential transportation needs (work, groceries or medical needs) and are also encouraged to wear face masks. Drivers will sit behind clear barriers and have their own protective gear. For more information, click here.

<https://coastbus.org/COVID-19>

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 6:30 pm CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION: Public Safety (Police & Fire)  
Review/Listening Session**

**For the FY21 Budget, click here** <http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/fy21/FY21ProposedBudget.pdf>

**For the interactive guide to the FY21 Budget, click here.**

<http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/finance/fy21/FY21BudgetLinkTutorial.pdf>

**To register to comment via zoom, participants must register in advance. Watch for the Agenda and instructions.** The meeting will be broadcast on Channel 22 and YouTube and recorded for later viewing. **Departmental Budget Work & Listening Sessions schedule, [click here](#).**

**Instead of repeating the long list of COVID-related resources each day, you can now find them all collected on one City website page!**

Click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-resources>

**Sign up for the Daily Advisory, [here](#). The latest news is always at the top, in red.**

**STAY SAFE! STAY AT HOME! DO NOT CONGREGATE**

**TESTING:** The NH Department of Health & Human Services is now coordinating COVID-19 testing appointments at one of the several testing clinics established throughout the state, for anyone who calls. **That testing coordinating office phone number is 603-271-5980.** The fixed locations are in Claremont, Lancaster, Plymouth, Tamworth, and Rochester.

#### **Continuing precautions:**

- Eliminate play dates, even “1 on 1”
- Eliminate small gatherings, including meetings “between a few families.”
- Cancel planned vacations for the next month and avoid airline travel.
- Stay at home as much as possible. When you do have to go out to buy groceries or medicine “make the trips quick and purposeful.”
- Wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after you’ve been in public places.

**For answers to other questions about the City's response to COVID-19, please email: [hotline@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:hotline@cityofportsmouth.com)**

**For more information, visit [City's page on COVID-19](#).**