

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



## UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, June 28, 2020

**Governor Sununu's "Stay At Home 2.0" order replaced by "Safer At Home."  
A MASK IS ALL WE ASK. Number of COVID-19 deaths, to date, in the US 127,506; in NH 367.**

A note from the Poet: This week's pandemic poem uses the ancient Japanese form called *mondo*, which must be written with attention to syllabic count and in two voices. The first voice poses a question coming from something observed in the natural world. The second provides a Zen-like response. They are usually left untitled and when presented in Japanese would appear in two vertical lines.

*How many seasons  
will the trusting turtle mom  
leave her eggs undefended?*

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*When you've done your best  
the heart will accommodate  
whatever is yet to come.*

**-- Tammi J Truax**

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