

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



# UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, August 16, 2020

**Portsmouth Protection Plan:  
Do your part. Wear a mask.**

**Deaths to date from COVID-19: In the US: 170,190. In NH: 423. In Rockingham County: 96.  
Cumulative cases: In the US: 5,425,348. NH: 6,980. Rockingham County: 1,721. Portsmouth: 99  
Current cases in Rockingham County: 80. Current cases in Portsmouth: 6.  
For the complete, NH Department of Health & Human Services dashboard <http://www.nh.gov/covid19>**

Readers of the AP and NY Times stories continue to be inspired by the story of Portsmouth's Poet Laureate and her "poems in a pandemic," as was this columnist in Rochester NY:

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2020/08/14/poems-can-comfort-and-inspire-during-covid-so-send-yours-us/3365870001/>

For a link to the page with links to the entire Advisory collection of poems by Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate>

### **Windblown**

Waking before the sun  
I rise to watch it rise.  
Strong, cleansing breezes  
foreboding a far-off storm  
wash over me.

The winds carry on  
going where they must  
doing what they must.  
The day too will advance  
as all days do.

And so will we.

**-- Tammi J Truax**

*Portsmouth Poet Laureate 2019-2021*

*Maine Beat Poet Laureate 2018-2020*