

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, January 31, 2021

Deaths to date from COVID-19: US: 439,000. **NH: 1,042 Rockingham County: 180.**
Cumulative cases: US: 26.1 million. NH: 65,362 Rockingham County: 15,939. Portsmouth: 1,012.
Current NH: 5,238. Rockingham County: 1,205. (Positivity 7.1%). Portsmouth: 72.

It is with gratitude and hopefulness that I leave you with a final tanka. Thank you for weathering these last ten months with me and my words. I look forward to bumping into you in the street someday soon.

pausing to ponder
time changes everything
or nothing at all
we will find a way forward
with grace, in a brighter place

-- **Tammi J Truax**

Portsmouth Poet Laureate 2019-2021/Maine Beat Poet Laureate 2018-2020

Click here for the entire Advisory collection of poems by Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate>

LAST DAY TO ENTER! Portsmouth Poet Laureate Program “A Bridge to Japan: A Poetry Broadside Contest.” Winning entries will be awarded cash prizes and the broadsides will be gifted to Portsmouth’s sister city, Nichinan, Japan. Deadline: midnight Jan. 31, 2021. For full details and rules, click here.

https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-11/Broadside_contest.pdf

STATEDWIDE MASK MANDATE.

Governor extends Emergency Order to February 12, 2021

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/2021-01.pdf>

Portsmouth Mask Ordinance in effect through June 30, 2021.

NH information from the Department of Health & Human Services, [click here.](#)