

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Wednesday, February 3, 2021

THURSDAY NIGHT: SNOW LOAD OUT PARKING BAN IN EFFECT AS OF 7:30 PM THURS -- Ending by 8 am on Fri Feb

5. Load out takes place in phases, reaching parts of downtown at 10 pm and the city core at midnight. See map for specific streets and times, [click here](#). City residents can take advantage of Flat Rate Parking at the Hanover (\$3) and Foundry Place (\$5) during the Load Out. At 10am Fri, regular rates resume.

SIGN UP FOR WINTER PARKING BAN

NOTICES AND OTHER CITY ALERTS – During snowstorms these notices alert residents to such things as trash pickup rescheduling and when the public garages are full, as well as announcing parking bans. **These alerts are announced in several different ways:**

- **CodeRED:** anyone can sign up to receive automatic email and text alerts, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/parkportsmouth/snowrelatedimpacts>
- **Snow Phone:** call 766-7669 (SNO-SNOW) to hear recorded messages.
- **Channel 22:** snow parking bans are posted as bulletins
- **CityofPortsmouth.com:** a yellow (planned) or red (in effect) banner appears at the top of City website pages when snow parking ban events occur.
- **Twitter:** follow @PortsmouthDPW
- **Public Works Department:** call 427-1530 or report a snow clearing issue use the Click 'n Fix system. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/portsmouth-click-n-fix>
- **During parking bans, residents should take advantage of City parking lots and reduced rates in the garages.** Flat fee: \$3 at Foundry Place and \$5 at the Hanover garage, good until 2 hours after ban ends.

THIS WEEK'S REGIONAL COVID DASHBOARD:

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2021-02/CovidDashboard%20020221.pdf>



COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

– As of February 3, NH had received **235,250** doses of vaccine and had vaccinated **138,271**. For the vaccine tracker, by state, click here: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>

AGE 65+ VACCINATION APPOINTMENT WEBSITE -- Scheduling an appointment online at <https://vaccines.nh.gov> is the fastest, most efficient way to do so and is highly encouraged. The website is designed to handle 100,000+ people at the same time.

For those unable to schedule an appointment online, the 211 Hotline remains available, 7 days a week, 6 am to 10 pm. That call center is staffed by 300+ people, but high wait times are expected.

CANCELLING APPOINTMENTS AND RESCHEDULING – VAMS GLITCH FIXED

Those who received their first vaccine can now go to the CDC VAMS site or the NH vaccine site and cancel their previously scheduled appointment and reschedule for an earlier date. The technical problem with the VAMS site has been corrected and the 2-1-1 wait times are back to normal.

When calling 2-1-1, you will be given a choice: "For questions related to COVID-19, press 1" and "for any other NH 2-1-1 related questions, press 2". Once in the COVID-19 directory, you are offered additional choices: to press:

- 1) If you want to schedule a vaccine
- 2) For testing, Isolation and quarantine questions
- 3) For vaccine questions Note:

To cancel a scheduled appointment, choose this option and then tell the agent who answers the phone to put you through to the scheduler, who can cancel and reschedule your appointment.

- 4) General COVID questions
- 5) If you are a healthcare provider reporting positive cases, or to speak with an agent
- 6) If you are returning a call.

Those 65+ who do not have Internet access and need assistance can call Brinn Sullivan [603-610-4433] at the Portsmouth Senior Activity Center. Please note that the City is not setting up vaccination appointments. Brinn is simply available to help seniors over the telephone to register on the State website. **Brinn is also assisting seniors who need assistance with transportation to the local vaccination sites.**

SCHEDULING DOSE 2 – Regarding timing in between the first and second vaccine: those who are concerned they have not been able to schedule their second vaccine within the 21 or 28 day interval should know that these intervals are a *minimum* amount of time necessary between each dose. No maximum interval has been established for the second dose. NH DHHS and the CDC feel quite confident that there is the same amount of protection even if the time interval between the first and second dose is longer than 21 or 28 days. NH continues to add vaccine clinic locations, appointments and time slots.

For DHHS VACCINE FAQs, click here:
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/vaccination-planning-faq.pdf>

PORTSMOUTH VACCINE FAQs from the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Health and City Health Department, click here.
<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/vaccination-faqs>

NEW FAQs: "I Had COVID-19, Now What?"
<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/health/after-covid-19-faqs>

NEW! SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER RESILIENCY SURVEY -- The Chamber Collaborative is partnering on Phase 2 of the 2021 NH SBDC Business Resiliency Survey that the NH Small Business Development Center (SBDC) developed with the UNH Survey Center to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on small businesses throughout New Hampshire. Last summer's Phase 1 survey ([see the results here](#)) identified how businesses were responding to the pandemic have evolved. **Phase 2 aims to determine how best to help small businesses recover and become more resilient.** The survey is available now and will be live through **Monday, Feb. 15.** It should take less than 10 minutes to complete. [Click here](#) to take the 2021 NH SBDC Business Resiliency Survey. Business organizations throughout the state are partnering to share the survey with their constituents, so if you have already taken it, thank you for participating!

NEW! WATER QUALITY & ECOSYSTEM HEALTH PROJECTS 2016-2021 -- As part of the City's Consent Decree with the EPA, the City agreed to expend \$500,000 over a period of five years on supplemental environmental projects. Between 2016 and 2021, City staff has worked collaboratively with the Great Bay 2020 group including representatives from the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership (PREP), the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), the Department of Environmental Services (DES), the Great Bay Stewards and The Nature Conservancy to identify these environmental projects. City staff and PREP have compiled an illustrated brochure describing how the City's mitigation funds have delivered environmental benefits throughout the Great Bay Estuary. The brochure may be found here: https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2021-02/GB2020_Portsouth%20Impact%20Report.pdf

MCINTYRE DESIGNER ROUNDTABLE, THURS FEB 11, 6-8 pm via Zoom -- Join Principle Group for a Designers Roundtable session on the McIntyre Project designs. Principle Group will present the draft designs and local designers (aka "Panelists") will critique and provide comments. The Roundtable will offer the option for the public to ask questions and engage with the designers. Advance registration is required. To register for the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZURcOuurzgoG9Pmqmm-IymKgMUIs3RyDgO6>

NEW! PERMITS FOR OUTDOOR DINING – APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN -- City staff started reviewing and renewing applications for the 2021 outdoor dining season as of February 1.

- **Those approved for the 2020 season DO NOT need to reapply.** They will be contacted directly by the City to renew their licenses for the upcoming season.
- **Businesses who were not approved in 2020 and wish to operate an outdoor cafe on public property in 2021 must apply for approval** by submitting an application through the City's Viewpoint online permitting portal. <https://portsmouthnh.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1076/record-types/6431>
- **Anyone opening a new restaurant, is an existing restaurant that is expanding or adding an outdoor area on private property, or who seeks to place tables, chairs or signage on a public sidewalk** with no food or alcohol service, please click here for more information. <https://portsmouthnh.viewpointcloud.com/projectTemplate/4>

For more information about outdoor café permitting click here.

<http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/files/planning/StandardsforUseofPublicRealmandSampleLayout.pdf>

Once an application is approved, use of public sidewalks is allowed starting March 1.

Approved use of public streets will start April 1, weather permitting. Questions? Planning Department at 610-7216 or planning@cityofportsmouth.com.

TIP TIP #9: Amit Sharma, a professor and associate director of the School of Hospitality Management and director of the Food Decisions Research Laboratory at Pennsylvania State University, says that while tipping is a deeply personal choice, customers should take into account the risk that restaurant workers are taking to serve them, often due to financial need. "Food workers are on the front line," Sharma said. "And that risk is often not a personal choice." For more suggestions from Business Insider, click here. <https://www.businessinsider.com/experts-on-how-much-to-tip-at-restaurants-during-pandemic-2020-7>

Senior Center Meals on Wheels Grab & Go FREE Lunch: TWO MEALS IN FEBRUARY

- **Valentine's Day Brown Bag Lunch, Friday, Feb 12. Compliments of Evolve at Rye. RSVP by Tuesday, Feb 9 to 603-610-4433 or bsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com** Menu: Sandwich, salad, chips and a cookie for dessert.
- **Mardi Gras Grab & Go Gumbo, Thursday, Feb 18. RSVP by Friday, Feb 12 to 603-610-4433 or bsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com.** Menu : chicken & sweet sausage gumbo, jasmine rice, creamed spinach, corn bread and a slice of King Cake for dessert. Free but a \$3 per meal donation can be made to Meals on Wheels.

BOTH MEALS:

- Pickup between 11 am and 12 noon at the Senior Activity Center, 125 Cottage Street, in the front of the building.
- Meal staff wear masks and put the food in the passenger side door or back seat. Please wear a mask, too.

STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 26, 2021

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/2020-25.pdf>

PORTSMOUTH MASK ORDINANCE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.

For answers to Portsmouth Mask Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions, click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-10/MaskOrdinanceFAQ%202020.10.05.pdf>

For Testing FAQs click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/testing-faqs>

For COVID-19 & Mask Facts click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-mask-facts>

For Ventilation FAQs click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/ventilation-faqs>

For Daily Life During the Pandemic FAQs, click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/daily-life-during-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions>

For "I've Had COVID-19, Now What?" FAQs, click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/health/after-covid-19-faqs>

For more information, visit City's page on COVID-19:

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/covid-19-information>