

contact you for an intake interview. Once your tax return is completed by the counselor, a tax counselor will call you for an appointment to pick up your taxes at the senior center (COAST Bus #40).

If you have any questions or need special assistance call AARP's Tax-Aide Volunteer Hotline at 603-205-2646.

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. **NOTE: Use this same link to UNSUBSCRIBE.**
<https://public.coderedweb.com/CGE/BFB5C752D5A4>
- **Snow Phone:** call 766-7669 (SNO-SNOW)
- **Channel 22**
- **CityofPortsmouth.com** shows a yellow (planned) or red (active) banner when snow parking ban events occur.
- **Twitter:** follow @PortsmouthDPW
- **Public Works Department:** call 427-1530 to 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.



COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – As of February 8, NH had received **257,700** doses of vaccine and had vaccinated **166,603**. For the vaccine tracker, by state, click here: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>

As of Sunday, Feb 7, everyone receiving the first dose will receive a vaccination card that includes a scheduled appointment for Dose 2.

All they need to do is show up for Dose 2. If they need to change that appointment, they are able to by calling 2-1-1.

There are still some people who had to choose Dose 2 appointment dates well beyond the recommended 21 or 28 days for the follow-up vaccine. The state is hand-rescheduling all of those so that everyone receives Dose 2 within a week of the desirable window.

Anyone who still has problems with any scheduling should call 2-1-1. The call center is fully staffed with 200-300 people between 6 am and 10 pm. There were 2-1-1 issues when people at the call center couldn't get into VAMS either; but those problems are now fixed.

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.

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.**

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>

DEADLINE MON FEB 15: 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. **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:

https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ebd4q6WQIUA58Hj?LK=DDL

FOR MORE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COVID-19 RELIEF RESOURCES, [click here.](#)

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>

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 #10: Tips for people like USPS Mail carriers who are not allowed to accept cash tips? Now's the perfect time to leave a Valentine candy in the mailbox or a gift card for a cup of coffee.

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>