

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Monday, March 1, 2021

SHAMROCK TREE OF LUCK

Mayor Becksted has announced a new community holiday project in the hopes that all eyes will be smiling! As with the Valentine's Day "Tree of Love," people of all ages are welcome to create this St. Patrick's Day- themed craft to hang on the Tree of Luck. Starting, Monday, March 1, you can drop off your decorated shamrocks at the Senior Activity Center (125 Cottage Street) in the blue bucket under the canopy by end of day on Friday, March 12. **To download the shamrock template, [click here](#).** DPW will be putting decorated shamrocks on the tree in Market Square on St. Patrick's Day, Wed, March 17.

AND LUCKY KISSES CONTEST!

Guess how many chocolate kisses are contained in the jar in the photo and you might win them all! For the photo, [click here](#): <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/press-releases/city-portsmouth-welcomes-tree-luck-shamrock-decorating-and-announces>

For the virtual contest, send an email with your guess to bsullivan@cityofportsmouth.com and include your name, Portsmouth address, phone number -- and your guess. The person with the most accurate guess will win. If there's a tie, the winners will split the chocolate kisses. Entries must be received by 5 pm on March 16, 2021.

TIME FOR TAKEOUT -- PICNIC IN THE SQUARE!

Based on an idea from the Blue Ribbon Committee to Reopen Portsmouth 2021, ten accessible picnic tables have now been placed in Market Square at the following locations:

- Pleasant Street near Tuscan Kitchen,
- Congress Street near the Holiday Tree
- in front of North Church

and two more on Vaughan Mall. Perfect timing to get some takeout and picnic on positivity!

EAT OUT. TAKE OUT. HELP OUT. -- The NH Lodging and Restaurant Association is supporting #RallyForNHRestaurants initiative through March.

Read more about it and fun ways to support the movement:

<https://rallyfornhrestaurants.com/creative-ideas-to-enjoy-nh-restaurants/>

NOT JUST FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH – Portsmouth is a Racial Justice Municipality. To learn more about what that commitment means, [click here](#).

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/racial-justice-municipalitycm>

SBA LOANS FOR THE SMALLEST SMALL BUSINESSES -- EXCLUSIVE 2-WEEK APPLICATION OPPORTUNITY OPENED FEB 24

Following directions from the Biden Administration, the Small Business Association (SBA) is working to:

- **Establish a 14-day, exclusive PPP loan application period for businesses and nonprofits with fewer than 20 employees**
- Include sole proprietors, independent contractors, and self-employed individuals and additional support in the PPP's funding formula
- Eliminate a previous restriction for small business owners with prior non-fraud felony convictions;
- **Eliminate PPP access restrictions on small business owners who have struggled to make federal student loan payments** by eliminating federal student loan debt delinquency and default as disqualifiers and
- **Ensure access for non-citizen small business owners who are lawful U.S. residents** by clarifying that they may use Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) to apply for the PPP.

The 14-day exclusivity period started on Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Details on the other four changes will be announced this week. For advice and assistance, [click here](#) to contact the NH Small Business Development Center. <https://www.nhsbdc.org/covid-19-assistance>

NH SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER WEBINARS

- **PPP Applications in 2021, Both First and Second Draw**

March 4 | 10am

We'll help you understand the 2021 PPP Application process and whether you are eligible for the first or

second draw. get your questions answered during the Q&A.

- **COVID Assistance for the Self-Employed**

March 11 | 10am

Sole proprietor, Schedule-C filer, or LLC? Join us to review special considerations for PPP and other federal relief programs, as well as your eligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

To register, [click here](#).



BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING -- NH SBDC SMALL BUSINESS & COMMUNITY RESILIENCY ACADEMY -- Business

resiliency is the ability to quickly adapt and respond to business disruptions, protect your employees and assets, while maintaining business operations. NH Small Business Development Center and UNH Extension and are partnering to offer Resiliency Academy, bringing together small businesses and community leaders to work toward a resilient future. Attendees will walk away with the tools they need to develop individualized resiliency plans. Such plans help businesses anticipate their response to the next six+ months -- and the next six+ years. The Resiliency Academy takes place over five sessions, 9 to 11 am via Zoom. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

- **April 7, 2021**, Session 1: Threats
- **April 21, 2021**, Session 2: Assessment
- **May 5, 2021**, Session 3: Visioning
- **May 19, 2021**, Session 4: Planning
- **June 2, 2021**, Session 5: Action

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEES

To follow the work of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committees as they work on efforts to keep Portsmouth safe *and* vibrant, visit these pages for meeting information, recordings, minutes and support materials:

- [Blue Ribbon Committee on Arts and Nonprofits](#) (meets via Zoom Mondays at 12 noon). Join the Arts & Nonprofits mailing list here: <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/brc-arts-nonprofits>
- [Blue Ribbon Committee on Health](#) (meets via Zoom Tuesdays at 11 am)

- [Blue Ribbon Committee to Reopen Portsmouth 2021](#) (meets via Zoom Wednesdays at 2 pm)



QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER TO GET THE VACCINE WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN? Click here. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fvaccines%2F8-things.html

REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD – For a larger, printable PDF of this week's dashboard, click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2021-02/CovidDashboard%20022221REV2.pdf>

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE –

As of March 1, NH had received **412,275** doses of vaccine and had vaccinated **324,806 (17.4% of the population has received 1 or more doses)**. The dose balance ensures vaccine for those scheduled to receive first or second doses in the current Phase 1A-1B. For the vaccine tracker, by state, click here:

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccinations>

AGE 65+ VACCINATION APPOINTMENT WEBSITE -- Scheduling your Dose 1

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

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 transportation to the local vaccination sites.

Everyone receiving the first dose now receives a vaccination card that includes a scheduled appointment for Dose 2. All you need to do is show up for Dose 2. If you need to change that appointment, you can do so by calling the 211 hotline.

IF YOU NEED TO SCHEDULE DOSE 2

YOURSELF – Return to the CDC VAMS website <https://vams.cdc.gov/vaccineportal/s/login/?startURL=%2Fvaccineportal%2Fs%2F&ec=302>

where you made your Dose 1 appointment. Find the email you received when you registered for Dose 1. Search your inbox for an email from vams@cdc.gov then log in and schedule Dose 2.

CHANGING DOSE 1 APPOINTMENTS -- Those whose Dose 1 appointments are not until April can cancel those and then CALL 211 to speak to a NH DHHS agent who can arrange for an earlier appointment. The 211 wait-times can be 40 minutes or more, but be patient. **Operators are available from 6 am to 10 pm, 7 days a week.**

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>

PERMITS FOR OUTDOOR DINING & DOMES/IGLOOS– 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.

STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 26, 2021

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

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY ORDER EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 5, 2021

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/2021-02/ex-order-2021-02.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 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>