

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



City Manager's Advisory Monday, March 15, 2021

TONIGHT: CITY COUNCIL MEETING (CONTINUED FROM MAR 8) at 6:30 pm via Zoom. For Agenda and Zoom registration, click here. <http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2021/citycouncil/cc031521ag.pdf>

CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY MANAGER CHECK-IN TUES MAR 16 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. For Agenda and Zoom registration, click here. <http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2021/citycouncil/cc031621wsag.pdf>

MCINTYRE PROJECT ROUNDTABLE 2, Thurs Mar 18 at 6 pm via Zoom. For the Zoom registration, click here
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9cPiewxqTRuFaSk7rWPLlw

The McIntyre Subcommittee with assistance from Boston-based urban design firm The Principle Group, invite residents to participate in a second round of design review to deliberate on the opportunity for new public space to enjoy at McIntyre. All of the "Values to Sketches" materials, Portsmouth Listens Study Circle presentations and the Design Brief can be found on the City website:

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/mcintyre-project>

PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY RETURNS TO LIMITED IN-PERSON SERVICES APR 5 --

Beginning Monday April 5, the library will bring back in-person browsing, with up to 20 visitors in the building at a time and will also re-open the outdoor book drop. Beginning April 11, the Library will be open on Sundays from 1 to 5 pm. Other hours during the week will remain the same. Public computers will be available for use 30 minutes a day for up to 4 people at a time, and "curbside pickup services" will continue, either in the library café, or outside by appointment for those who do not wish to enter. Study carrels, study rooms, and meeting rooms will remain unavailable at this time. For more details and information about all the services offered online throughout the pandemic, click here.

NH RENTERS ASSISTANCE -- The New Hampshire Emergency Rental Assistance Program (NHERAP), a state program powered by federal funds to help cover rent and utilities for households struggling due to the impact of COVID-19, launched earlier today. Applications are available on the Community Action Partnership of New Hampshire website at capnh.org and through the Southern NH Services website: <https://www.snhs.org/> SNHS can also supply paper applications if you call SNHS at (603) 668-8010 extension 6311. SNHS is also offering assistance for anyone needing help filling out an application. Eligible households can receive 12 months assistance to cover rent, utilities and other housing-related costs. The NHERAP will pay grants to the landlord or utility provider directly on behalf of the household. With permission from their tenants, landlords can assist in applying for relief.

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/>

SBDC RESILIENCY SURVEY FINDS 42% OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WORSE OFF FINANCIALLY -- The survey of over 1,600 businesses was conducted in February 2021. 70% reported their monthly revenues have decreased since June 2020. On Chamber Chat Live! on Friday, March 26 SBDC will report the survey results specifically for the Seacoast.



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

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE – As of March 15, NH had received 565,165 doses of vaccine and **had vaccinated 460,696 (25% of the population age 18 or older have 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>

SCHOOL STAFF AND CHILDCARE PROVIDER VACCINATIONS REGISTRATION WEBSITE OPENS MAR 17 – For school staff and childcare providers not already covered by the vaccination clinics provided by many local SAUs, NH's Vaccine &

Immunization Network Interface website (“VINI”) will open on Wednesday, March 17 with appointments starting March 22. For details, visit: <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>

Vaccination registration opens to those age 50 and older on March 23 with the first appointments starting March 25.

AGE 65+ VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS --

Scheduling your Dose 1 appointment online at <https://vaccines.nh.gov> is the fastest, most efficient way to do so and is highly encouraged. **Those 65+ who do not have Internet access and need assistance can call Brinn Sullivan [603-610-4433] at the Portsmouth Senior Activity Center.**

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.

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>

FAQs: “I Had COVID-19, Now What?”

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

OUTDOOR DINING -- PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN –

The City Council approved the use of public sidewalks, starting March 1. Approved use of public streets will start April 1, weather permitting. The [Blue Ribbon Committee to Reopen Portsmouth 2021](#) is working with Portsmouth High School CTE program to paint the street-dining barricades and build planters for the tops, to create a more pleasant atmosphere. City staff are reviewing and renewing applications for the 2021 outdoor dining season. **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. For more information about outdoor café permitting click here.

<http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/files/planning/StandardsforUseofPublicRealmSampleLayout.pdf>
Questions? Planning Department at 610-7216 or planning@cityofportsmouth.com.

**STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE EXTENDS
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 26, 2021**

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/2020-04.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>