

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



# City Manager's Advisory Wednesday, March 17, 2021 Happy St. Patrick's Day!



**PORTSMOUTH LUCKY KISSES CONTEST WINNER!** -- Betsy Murphy of Portsmouth was the person -- out of 84 entries -- whose guess was closest to the actual number of chocolate Lucky Kisses" in the jar. There were 1,561 -- and her guess was just 39 short. Congratulations, Betsy AND to the 292 people who decorated the shamrocks now hanging on the holiday tree in Market Square. A celebration that keeps all of our eyes smiling.

**ALERT: NH DHHS ANNOUNCES POTENTIAL COMMUNITY EXPOSURE AT HAMPTON WRESTLING TOURNAMENT MAR 6 – NH**

**DHHS** has identified potential community exposures related to multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 associated with the King of the Mat Wrestling Tournament on March 6, at the RIM Sports Complex in Hampton, between 5 am and 10 pm. Any individuals who participated in or attended the King of the Mat Wrestling Tournament during those times may have been exposed to COVID-19 and should seek testing. DHHS has conducted contact investigations and is notifying known close contacts directly. However, DHHS is making this public notification because there may be additional individuals at the location during those days and times who were exposed to the coronavirus.

### **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.

**REGIONAL COVID-19 DASHBOARD** – For a larger, printable PDF, click here.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2021-03/revCovidDashboard031621.pdf>

**MCINTYRE PROJECT SKETCHES DISCUSSION, Thurs Mar 18 at 6 pm via Zoom. For the Zoom registration, click here**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_9cPiewxqTRuFaSk7rWPILw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9cPiewxqTRuFaSk7rWPILw)

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](http://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/>



**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](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 17, NH had received 607,415 doses of vaccine and **had vaccinated 478,758 (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>

**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/StandardsforUseofPublicRealmandSampleLayout.pdf>  
Questions? Planning Department at 610-7216 or [planning@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto: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>