

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for

**Governor Sununu's "Stay At Home 2.0" order replaced by "Safer At Home."
Portsmouth Protection Plan: Do your part. Wear a mask.**

Number of COVID-19 deaths, to date, in the US 137,729. Death to date in NH 391. Deaths in Rockingham County, 92.

Cumulative cases in Rockingham County: 1,520.

Current cases in Rockingham County: 135.

For the complete, new NH Department of Health & Human Services dashboard, [click here](#).

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- the owners must be the only employees, and it must be a for-profit business,
- the business cannot be permanently closed - not including temporary closure due to COVID-19;
- it cannot be in bankruptcy,
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CITIZEN RESPONSE TASK FORCE

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