

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Monday, July 20, 2020

PORTSMOUTH PROTECTION PLAN: DO YOUR PART. WEAR A MASK.

The Portsmouth City Council voted unanimously at their July 13 meeting to adopt a Face Covering Resolution.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-07/Mask%20Resolution%202020.07.pdf>

On Wednesday, July 22, the City Council is holding a Work Session to discuss the crafting of a Face Covering Ordinance for the City of Portsmouth. The meeting takes via Zoom at 7 pm. For the Agenda and Zoom

registration details, click here. place

<http://files.cityofportsmouth.com/agendas/2020/citycouncil/cc072220wsag.pdf>

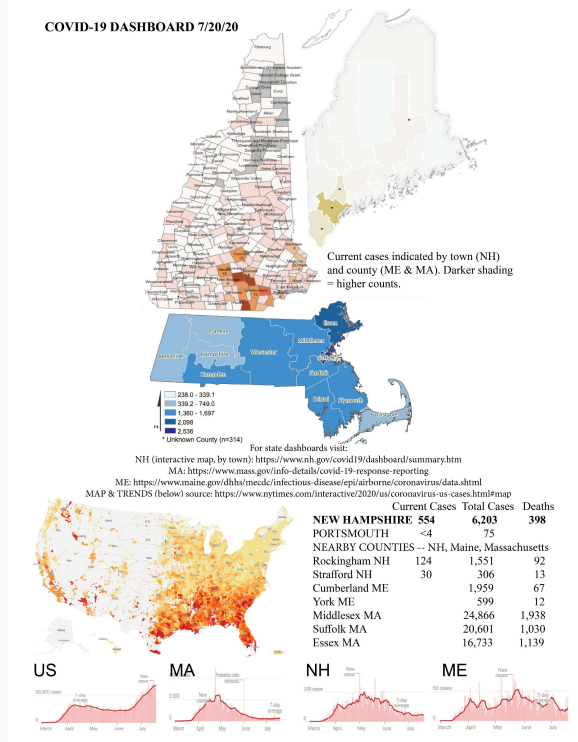


CITIZEN RESPONSE TASK FORCE -- Meets every Wednesday at 2 pm to review progress on the objectives outlined at the formation of the Task Force and to review the work of its three subcommittees, working in parallel:

- Streets Subcommittee working on adapting the public realm for use by restaurants for outdoor seating. This subcommittee meets publicly via Zoom on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as needed. The following locations now have space protected by safety barricades to allow restaurant tables and chairs in parking spaces: Worth Lot (Café Mediterraneo, Maison Navarre, Friendly Toast), Congress Street (Thirsty Moose, Rudi's, The Goat, Jumpin' Jay's, Flatbread Portsmouth), Pleasant Street (Clipper Tavern), Penhallow Street (Cure, Massimo's, Ceres Bakery, Moxie), State/Chapel Street (Fezziwig's, Mr. Kim's), Market Street (Durbar Square, Cup of Joe, Portsmouth Brewery, Portsmouth Gaslight), Bridge Street/Hill Street (Bridge Street Bistro, Dwyer's Pub), Portwalk Place (Row 34).

- Performing Arts Subcommittee working to adapt the Bridge Street parking lot into an outdoor performance and restaurant venue with a tentative opening date of July 30. The subcommittee meets publicly via Zoom.
- Health Subcommittee making public a dashboard of current data on local conditions relative to the COVID-19 pandemic and community response such as the availability of PPE and mask-wearing. The subcommittee meets publicly via Zoom on Tuesdays at 11 am.

https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-07/COVID%20ADJACENT%20COUNTIES%202020.07.20_0.pdf



For more information, [click here](#) to visit the **Citizen Response Task Force web page**, that provides the materials and resources the committee is using. All meetings are conducted publicly via Zoom, noticed on the City website homepage and recorded for posting to the CRTF webpage. To contact the Citizen Response Task Force, email via hotline@cityofportsmouth.com

UPDATED LIST OF OUTDOOR DINING, TAKEOUT AND RESTAURANTS PERMITTED FOR INDOOR DINING – For the list of restaurants offering takeout and/or that have received approval for various outdoor and/or indoor dining arrangements, [click here](#). **Please note that not all plan to open immediately. Always check first, as many have specific reservations requirements.**

This Portsmouth Reopening newsletter is published Monday, Thursday and Sunday (the Portsmouth Poet Laureate edition). For current information on COVID-19 relief resources and the City's ongoing response to the health and

economic impacts of the pandemic, go to the City's COVID-19 INFO information webpage and Economic Development COVID-19 webpage [click here.](#)

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/economic/covid-19-response-resources-businesses-employees>

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS MEETING, JULY 21 at 9:30 am, via Zoom -- All members of the Board of Registrars of Voters have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting using this Zoom link, Meeting ID 917 2642 0140 Password 413100
<https://zoom.us/j/91726420140>

VOTER INFORMATION

NOW AVAILABLE: Absentee Ballot applications for the upcoming September 8, 2020 State Primary Election and November 3, 2020 General Election can be downloaded by [Clicking here.](#) Voters are allowed to request an absentee ballot listing COVID-19 as a specific reason to vote by Absentee Ballot for both or either of the upcoming 2020 Elections. You may submit the one application to cover absentee balloting for both election by checking the boxes for both. Return the completed Application (2 pages) to the City Clerk's Office, by dropping it in the gray "payment box" in the City Hall upper parking lot, by mail or fax (603-610-4158) or by email to CityClerk@CityofPortsmouth.com Track the status of your application by visiting <http://app.sos.nh.gov>

ABSENTEE VOTER REGISTRATION – If you are not currently registered to vote and are not able to visit the City Clerk's Office to register in person, please contact the office at 603-610-7208 or email CityClerk@CityofPortsmouth.com to make arrangements to receive a Voter Registration Packet. For more voter information, [click here.](https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voting-information) <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voting-information>

ECONOMIC RELIEF RESOURCES:

GOVERNOR'S GENERAL ASSISTANCE & PRESERVATION (GAP) FUND -- The Governor has allocated and authorized \$30 million of CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds ("flex funds") to provide emergency financial relief to New Hampshire businesses and nonprofit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, who have not been able to access support from other existing state and federal programs.

- Application Period – July 21, 2020 – August 4, 2020
- Application Verification Period – August 5, 2020 – August 18, 2020

Additional details regarding the New Hampshire GAP Fund, including where to apply, will become available on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. For more information, [click here.](#)

NH SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESULTS OF BUSINESS RESILIENCY SURVEY -- The University of New Hampshire Survey Center conducted a survey for the NH Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to assess the impact of COVID-19 on small businesses throughout New Hampshire. By better understanding the challenges and needs of NH business owners, economic development partners can more effectively help businesses recover, reopen and become more resilient. For the full report, [click here.](#)

BEHIND ON RENT OR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS DUE TO COVID-19? -- The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery has announced the **New Hampshire Housing Relief Program, an initiative designed to keep people from losing their housing and to secure or maintain**

permanent housing in partnership with the Community Action Partnership for NH (CAPNH). Applications are available NOW. To contact CAPNH, call 2-1-1 from any NH phone or [click here](#).



CLIPPER STRONG FUND -- Small businesses who would like to receive a **free Clipper Strong Fund Care Package** (containing disposable face masks, signage asking customers to wear masks and a touchless thermometer) should **send an email with the name of the business, location, phone and email contact to hotline@cityofportsmouth.com** Donations still welcome! [Click here](#) to make a donation online at ClipperStrong.org

Governor Sununu's "Safer At Home" guidelines continue. For the full details on the Governor's Executive Orders, [click here](#).

For all the COVID-related resources, [click here](#).

For answers to other questions about the City's response to COVID-19, please email: hotline@cityofportsmouth.com

For more information, visit [City's page on COVID-19](#).