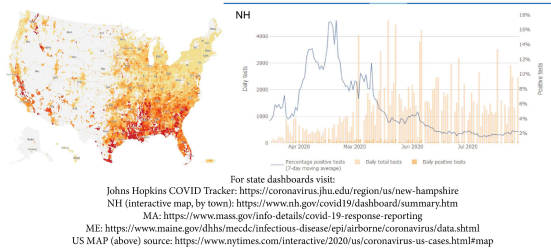
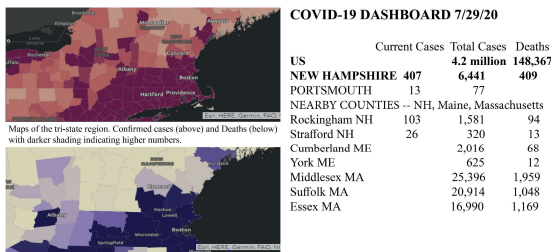




## UPDATE from the City Manager for Wednesday, July 29, 2020

### Portsmouth Protection Plan: Safer At Home.

**Do your part. Wear a mask whenever you are in public, indoors or out. Stay at home except for essential needs. Avoid gatherings public or private. Keep distance between yourself and others.**



**CITIZEN RESPONSE TASK FORCE CREATES A COVID-19 DASHBOARD (above). Click here for a larger version.** <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-07/revCovidDashboard2%202020.07.29.pdf>

### PARKING SPACES REALLOCATED FOR OUTDOOR DINING:

- **Bridge Street Lot** – The parking lot is now closed through Columbus Day to allow for the PopUp NH restaurant/performance space. Once open, the hours for the summer are expected to be: Thurs/Fri 3-10 pm;

Sat noon – 10 pm; Sun noon – 8 pm. For all the Citizen Response Task Force updates from the Bridge Street Subcommittee, [click here](#)

- **Downtown Streets** – Parts of the following streets have been barricaded to allow for dining in the street in place of parking spaces. For all the Citizen Response Task Force updates from the Downtown Streets Subcommittee, [click here](#).
  - Congress Street – Flatbread, Goat, Jumpin’ Jay’s
  - Congress Street – Rudi’s, Thirsty Moose
  - Bridge/Hill Streets – Bridge Street Bistro, Dwyer’s Pub
  - Worth Lot – Friendly Toast, Café Mediterraneo, Maison Navarre
  - State Street – Mr. Kim’s, Fezziwig’s
  - Penhallow – Cure, Ceres Bakery, Massimo’s, Moxy
  - Market Street – Portsmouth Gas Light, Portsmouth Brewery, Cup of Joe, Durbar Square
  - Pleasant Street – Clipper Tavern

**For details on restaurants open for outside, inside and public realm outdoor dining, click here.**

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/restaurants-takeout-outdoor-dining>

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 and are posted in advance on the City website homepage. To contact the Citizen Response Task Force, email via [hotline@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:hotline@cityofportsmouth.com)

**TESTING--** The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services provides this list as a service to the community. The Department does not endorse any particular entity for COVID-19 testing services.

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/covid-testing-options.pdf>

**HEAT WAVE RELIEF – The Peirce Island Outdoor Pool now allows occupancy by up to 100 Portsmouth residents per hour.** Advance reservations required.

<https://rec.cityofportsmouth.com/CourseActivities.aspx?id=7&cat=5> Each reservation allows a one-hour visit between 11 am and 7 pm, with 30 minutes between each session to allow for cleaning and sanitizing. For more information on pool guidelines, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city/press-releases/city-prepares-open-outdoor-pool-july-6>

**Project Cool Air is a program for qualified participants to receive air conditioning units through Area Home Care.** For more information, contact Ellen Tully at City Hall:610-7267 or

[WFDept@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:WFDept@cityofportsmouth.com) As it is currently not possible to offer appropriate physical-distancing for a cooling shelter in any City facility, an alternative is the climate-controlled Fox Run Mall.

**COVID-19 CONCERNS ACCEPTED AS VALID REASON FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT -**

- Absentee Ballots are now available for the September and November elections. For more voter information, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/cityclerk/voting-information> **The City Clerk is also in need of**

**Election Workers for both dates.** Those interested should call 603-610-7208 or email [CityClerk@CityofPortsmouth.com](mailto:CityClerk@CityofPortsmouth.com)

### **ECONOMIC RELIEF RESOURCES:**

**NOW OPEN: State of New Hampshire New Hampshire 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

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](#). **JOIN CHAMBER CHAT LIVE! On Friday, July 31** for a discussion on the Seacoast-specific survey results and analysis. [Click here to register](#).

**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](mailto:hotline@cityofportsmouth.com) Donations still welcome! [Click here](#) to make a donation online at [ClipperStrong.org](http://ClipperStrong.org)

### **DPW PROJECTS THIS WEEK.**

**For the latest on individual projects, click here and then on the Projects tab.**

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks>

- **BANFIELD ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES** – Between Heritage Ave and Ocean Rd. Alternating one-way traffic and flaggers in place.
- **ISLINGTON STREET** -- Detour is in place for one-way, inbound/easterly traffic between the bridge over the Bypass to Aldrich Road and outbound/westerly traffic, detoured down Aldrich. For map, click here. <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/islington-street-corridor-reconstruction-project>
- **MARKET STREET & KEARSARGE WAY BRIDGES:** Final landscaping and other details are being completed on the Market Street gateway park. Kearsarge Way Bridge is reduced to one lane, with alternating traffic directed by temporary traffic signals. Market Street between the Sarah Long Bridge and the Noble's Island traffic signal is reduced to one lane in each direction. For the full presentation on the project, click here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBTsRp4Pemo>
- **SIDE STREETS OFF PLEASANT:** Equipment staged, as before, on Edmunds.
- **PRESCOTT PARK DOCK RAILING replacement work continues.** The dock remains closed.

**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](mailto:hotline@cityofportsmouth.com)**

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