



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, January 3, 2021

STATEDWIDE MASK MANDATE.

Governor extends Emergency Order to February 26, 2021.

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/documents/2020-25.pdf>

Portsmouth Mask Ordinance in effect through June 30, 2021.

Deaths to date from COVID-19: US: 352,373. NH: 769. Rockingham County: 141. Cumulative cases: US: 50.5 million. NH: 39,933. Rockingham County: 10,918. Portsmouth: 676. Current NH: 6,468. Rockingham County: 1,356. (Positivity 8.0%). Portsmouth: 93. *NH information from the Department of Health & Human Services, [click here](#).*

This is my first checklist poem. Poetry needn't be serious. When I'm teaching kids about poetry, I tell them it is an opportunity to play with words and have fun.

The Devolution of a Resolution

- Choose resolution
- Elegant elocution
- Deploy execution
- Prosecution of resolution
- Confident consecution
- Dilution of constitution
- Blame attribution
- Reconstitution
- Waning contribution
- Substitution of resolution
- Pollution of solution
- Self-persecution
- Destitution
- Absolution
- Stay of execution

-- Tammi J Truax

Portsmouth Poet Laureate 2019-2021/Maine Beat Poet Laureate 2018-2020

Click here for the entire Advisory collection of poems by Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate>

Portsmouth Poet Laureate Program “A Bridge to Japan: A Poetry Broadside Contest.”

Winning entries will be awarded cash prizes and the broadsides will be gifted to Portsmouth's sister city, Nichinan, Japan. Deadline: midnight Jan. 31, 2021. For full details and rules, click here.

https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-11/Broadside_contest.pdf