

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, October 4, 2020

Portsmouth Mask Ordinance now in effect. Do your part. Wear a mask.

Deaths to date from COVID-19: US: 209,708. NH: 442. Rockingham County: 104.

Cumulative cases: US: 7,457,697.

Cumulative cases in NH: 8,597. Rockingham County: 2,114. Portsmouth: 118.

Current cases in NH: 500. Rockingham County: 93. In Portsmouth: <5.

For the complete, NH Department of Health & Human Services dashboard <http://www.nh.gov/covid19>

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

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

From Dictionary.com: **cautious**^[kaw-shuhs] -- showing, using, or characterized by caution: *a cautious man; To be cautious is often to show wisdom.*

A Cautioning

It's too late
for an abundance of caution
when it follows a long, loud
dearth of caution.

When it follows
months of caution mocked.
Risk ignored is a greater risk.
Caution after the crash means naught.

How can one
apologize to one's lover
upon coming home
with covid on their collar?

Throwing caution to the wind
is to be careless,
while exercising great caution
is to be conservative.

-- Tammi J Truax

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