

# Board of Selectmen's Advisory for Tuesday,

July 28, 2020

## Do Your Part - Wear A Mask!

**NH HOUSING RELIEF PROGRAM:** The Governor's Office For Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) allocated \$35 million from the \$1.25 billion in federal funds that NH received from the CARES Act State-Local Coronavirus Relief Fund towards a new Housing Relief Program to assist families and individuals facing housing insecurity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will have two components: 1) one-time grants for households that suffered a limited short-term loss of household income or increased expenses that threaten the family's ability to maintain its housing; and 2) short-term rental assistance programs. The GOFERR office will provide the funds to NH DHHS to be distributed to the state's Community Action Program (CAP) agencies who already administer similar assistance programs. More details, including how to apply to your local CAP, can be found at <http://www.capnh.org/>

**ON JULY 6, 2020 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE** IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND NH EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ANNOUNCED THE OPENING OF THE NH SELF EMPLOYED LIVELIHOOD FUND [Click Here](#) for more information.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE NOT WIPING DOWN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, PICNIC BENCHES OR ANY OTHER SURFACES.** The Town of Newington urges our residents to do their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If you go to a park or trail, use extreme caution. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others when outside and wear a mask if you cannot maintain this distance.

**YARD SALES ARE NOW ALLOWED**, but you may only place a sign on your own property or at a friend's house (be sure to get permission first). and remove the signs promptly after the yard sale is over.

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:** The SBA and Treasury Department have released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application. [Click Here](#) to view the application and instructions. The SBA will be helping businesses with the process along with their partners at SCORE, NH-SBDC, and the CWE. In addition to continued funding available for PPP for anyone that has not applied, they continue to offer forgiveness of 6 months of payments on ALL SBA loans through September 27, 2020. A few workshops that businesses may be interested in are listed on their web page at [www.sba.gov/nh](http://www.sba.gov/nh). Based on the request of Governor Sununu, the SBA has declared a disaster declaration for the entire State of NH based on economic injury due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). All the details including the joint press release, the loan application process, assistance for government

contractors, and other resources can be found here. Based on the request of Governor Sununu, the SBA has declared a disaster declaration for the entire State of NH based on economic injury due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). All the details including the joint press release, the loan application process, assistance for government contractors, and other resources can be found here. Small businesses looking for assistance should reach out to one of the following partners for help with things such as filling out paperwork, questions or even advice. These partners include SCORE, NH Small Business Development Center, and the Center for Women & Enterprise (NH's Women Business Center and Veterans Business Outreach Center). You will find links to these partners at [www.sba.gov/nh](http://www.sba.gov/nh).

**NH Department of Health and Human Services Resource Guide and Warm Line** to Support Families During COVID-19 Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has developed two new resources to help children, youth, families and caregivers during the COVID-19 emergency. The first is “Supporting Child and Family Wellbeing During the COVID-19 Emergency,” a new resource guide with practical tips on how we can all support children and families during COVID-19. The guide also provides a list of resources available to families statewide. The second resource is the Family Support Warm Line, a partnership between DHHS and Waypoint. The Family Support Warm Line is a no-cost, confidential phone support line focused on promoting family resiliency. Residents can call **800-640-6486** and speak with family support professionals and parent partners for help with managing family challenges, coping strategies, or emotional support during COVID-19. “Our data has shown a decline in the number of calls made to DCYF from those community helpers who regularly see kids face to face, but this is continues to be a stressful time for families and our focus has to remain on prevention,” said DCYF Director Joseph Ribsam. “Having resources readily available and a place where parents and caregivers can turn if they need to talk to someone can make a difference for our families and guide them to the services they need to stay strong and healthy, before they reach a tipping point that leads to abuse or neglect.” The efforts stem from Emergency Order #22, issued by Governor Chris Sununu on April 1, which authorizes emergency funding for critical child protection services to ensure that New Hampshire families continue to receive the right services at the right time during the COVID-19 emergency. In addition to the Family Support Warm Line, the funding will support domestic violence and substance use supports, expansion of the DCYF Strength to Succeed Program, and additional technology support for DCYF-involved families. March data from the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) shows a decrease in referrals to DCYF’s Central Intake, compared to the same time period over the past two years. New child abuse and neglect referrals are down nearly 50% each week overall. To learn more about recognizing the signs of child abuse and neglect, visit Know and Tell, an education program offered through the Granite State Children’s Alliance, the Chapter Organization for the network of New Hampshire’s Child Advocacy Centers. The Family Support Warm Line can be reached toll-free at **1-800-640-6486**, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call the DCYF Central Intake line at (603) 271- 6562 or toll-free (in state) at (800) 894-5533.

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**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](#).

**FOOD STORES ARE OPERATING NORMALLY AND RECEIVING SHIPMENTS DAILY** (although some products are in short supply at their distributors). For a list of food stores and pharmacies who offer delivery, <http://www.newington.nh.us/home/news/food-and-pharmacy-delivery-options-on-the-seacoast> Trader Joe's Newington location-Seniors Only Shopping Hours, 8am-9am for those aged 60+ · Aldi's Newington location-Shopping Hours 9am-8pm · Market Basket Portsmouth locations Seniors-Only Shopping Hours, 6am-7 AM for those aged 60+. • Please wear face masks. Re-useable bags are not being allowed at this time.

**TESTING:** The NH Department of Health & Human Services is now coordinating COVID-19 testing appointments at one of the several testing clinics established throughout the state, for anyone who calls. That testing coordinating office phone number is 603-271-5980. For FAQs about testing in New Hampshire, [click here](#) In addition, the Rite-Aid at 1390 Lafayette Road in Portsmouth and CVS on Lafayette Road in Hampton are providing free by-appointment testing for COVID-19 to anyone age 18 or over.

**UPDATED LIST OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR DINING RESTAURANTS** – For the list of restaurants that have received approval for various physically-distanced indoor and outdoor dining arrangements, <https://www.newington.nh.us/home/news/support-your-newington-restaurants-attached-is-a-list-of-all-restaurants-and-their-contact>. **Please note that not all plan to open immediately. Always check first, as many have specific reservations requirements.**