

# DOVER DOWNLOAD



News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



February 12, 2021



**CITY OF  
DOVER, NH**

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Avenue  
Dover, NH 03820  
603-516-6000

**City Hall  
hours:**

**Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 5:30**

**p.m.**

**Friday**

**8:30 a.m. to 4  
p.m.**

**Recycling  
Center hours:**

**Tuesday,**

**Thursday,**

**Saturday**

**8:30 a.m. to 3:30**



## **Tri-City Warming Center to remain open overnight through the weekend**

### **Volunteers, snack donations needed**

With more dangerously cold weather in the forecast, the Strafford County Extreme Cold Weather Warming Center, located at 30 Willand Drive in Somersworth, will be open 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. each day through Tuesday morning, Feb. 16.

While open, Community Action Partnership of Strafford County and SOS Recovery Community Organization will provide staffing. There will also be volunteers on site. The warming center is currently seeking volunteers for this weekend's activation. To sign up to volunteer, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EA5AA2FA4FC1-warming3>. Please note, the warming center cannot accept volunteers under 18, even if accompanied by a parent or adult. Among volunteer tasks are set up, client check-in, laundry, cleaning, refreshments, client engagement, and clean-up. Volunteers may sign up for more than one shift per night or multiple shifts during the activation. Volunteers are asked to only sign up for shifts they can commit to attend, as volunteers

p.m.

provide important assistance to the staff.

The warming center is also seeking volunteers to assist with breakfast-to-go each day, including meals prepared offsite and placed in to-go bags. Volunteers able to prepare and provide breakfasts-to-go can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EA5AA2FA4FC1-warming2>. Additional snack donations are also needed. If able to provide snack donations, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EA5AA2FA4FC1-warming4>.

Partners and municipalities are asked to help transport at-risk or unsheltered clients to the warming center when possible. During this activation, the warming center will be unable to transport clients to or from the center.

Those seeking to warm up may arrive anytime during the activation times each day. Referrals or reservations are not required. COVID-19 coronavirus precautions are in place, including hand hygiene, social distancing, and required masking. Cots are available at the warming center; however, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, no evening meals are provided. Donations are not being accepted at this time

More information about the Strafford County Extreme Cold Weather Warming Center can be found at a new online resource, <https://www.facebook.com/warmingcenterofsc>. The Warming Center can also be reached at 1-857-323-0388.

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## Racial equity committee begins review of city data on race, ethnicity and gender

The Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion (CREI) will meet for its next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall.

CREI met last on Jan. 28, where it received City of Dover documents that detail different aspects of the City related to race, ethnicity and gender.

The documents include: data the City submits U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that summarizes employment data broken down by job categories, gender, salary and race; employment recruitment statistics that show how many applicants of different races applied for City of Dover jobs, how many moved forward in the hiring process and how many were hired; police department enforcement statistics broken down by use of force, motor vehicle stops, summonses and arrests by race and gender; and emergency medical service by race and gender, among other documents.

After reviewing the data, it is expected there will be more in-depth discussions about these documents at future meetings, such as whether the City of Dover is casting a wide-enough net when recruiting for new hires and why there are not more people of color hired for City positions.

CREI also reviewed other reports, such as preliminary recommendations from the Governor's Council on Diversity and Inclusion, report and recommendations from the New Hampshire Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency, and the list of demands from Black Lives Matter Seacoast released in September 2020. Some CREI members plan to synthesize the recommendations from the various reports for the next meeting to see what could be applicable for the City of Dover.

The committee also spent time at its Jan. 28 meeting discussing an appropriate land acknowledgment statement that would be read at the beginning of each meeting to honor the

longstanding history of land and people that is now home to the City of Dover. Kathleen Blake, chair of the Commission on Native American Affairs in New Hampshire, will be a guest at the Feb. 25 meeting to discuss land acknowledgment statements as it relates to the pre-European history of the area.

Future meetings will likely include guests from the Dover School District's Equity Vision Keepers Committee, NAACP Seacoast, Black Lives Matter Seacoast and the City of Dover's human resources director.

The committee plans to meet on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. See the [CREI webpage](#) for more information on agendas, meeting minutes and committee documents.

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## City offices closed Monday for Presidents Day

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, for Presidents Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The Public Library will also be closed on Presidents Day.

Curbside trash and recycling pickup is not affected by the holiday.

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## NHDOT to hold informational meeting on plan to convert Dover and Rochester tolls to all electronic tolling

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation will hold a virtual informational meeting at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, on the proposed conversion of the Dover and Rochester toll plazas to all electronic tolling.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Presentation materials and the meeting link are located on the NHDOT website here: <https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/doverrochester29440/index.htm>.

To attend the Zoom Meeting from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or an Android device, visit: <https://zoom.us/j/97595446064pwd=UWpXL1ZodjN3QUxMxOGVzQXhvVmVQUT09>. A passcode of 442669 is required for entry. To join phone, dial 1-312-626-6799 and enter the webinar ID of 975 9544 6064.

The project is located on the Spaulding Turnpike (NH 16) at the existing toll plazas in Dover and Rochester. The existing Dover plaza is just to the north of the Exit 6 interchange and the Rochester plaza is located just to the south of the Exit 11/12 interchange. The two plazas are



approximately 12 miles apart.

The project will convert the two existing traditional tollbooth plazas to all electronic tolling by erecting an overhead gantry 600 feet north of the existing tollbooths. The Dover location will introduce a third southbound travel lane while the northbound travel lane will be extended through the gantry and tapered to two lanes 2,300 feet north of the gantry. The Rochester gantry will be constructed to allow for a future third lane in each direction. The final layout will be two travel lanes in each direction.

The two existing tollbooth plazas, as well as the administration buildings, will be removed after the successful launch of AET at both locations. The Rochester location will construct two sound walls for noise abatement.

For more information, visit <https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/doverrochester29440/index.htm>.

## A guide to solid waste and curbside recycling

### Don't let your recycling be rejected

Is your trash or recycling not getting picked up? It may be because it does not conform to the City of Dover's recycling and solid waste rules.

Dover's Community Services Director John Storer requests that curbside customers ensure the items placed in recycling containers are recyclable consistent with local guidelines and that bulky items are correctly tagged.



### What's acceptable for curbside recycling in Dover?

- **Plastic:** #1, #2 and #5, provided the items are bottles, tubs and jugs. Rinse and dry. Bottle caps can be recycled if removed, washed, and placed back on the bottle. Loose caps, which fall through processing screens, cannot be recycled.
- **Glass:** only bottles and jars. Rinse and dry.
- **Cardboard, cartons and paper:** Newspaper, magazines, office paper and junk mail only. Flatten all boxes, then place them into recycling bins, paper bags, or bundle and tie. When flattened, cardboard dimensions must not exceed two feet by two feet. Pizza boxes with grease must be thrown away as the oil contaminates the other recyclables.
- **No styrofoam is accepted**, even with a recycling symbol on the packing.
- **No plastic bags** are accepted.

Plastics that are not accepted include plastic bags, plastic utensils, straws, plastic wrap, tarps and colored cups. Recycling bins that contain non-recyclable items may not be picked up or flagged with a warning sticker. See full details of [Waste Management's curbside pickup here](#).

"The state of single-stream recycling has changed on a global basis," Storer said. "There is a dwindling market for single-stream recycling, so in order to keep to keep recycling fiscally viable, we need cooperation from residents in what gets placed for collection."

On July 1, 2020, Waste Management took over as the City of Dover's recycling and solid waste vendor. The City Council approved the new five-year contract in February, following a five-year contract with Pinard Waste Services. Recycling accounts for \$600,000 of the \$1 million increase in waste collection costs due to changes in the recycling market and challenges dealing with contaminated recycling.

Nationwide, Waste Management estimates that 25 percent of items placed in recycling bins are actually trash. This 25 percent of trash can contaminate the good recycling commingled with it.

"Recycling contamination happens when trash ruins otherwise good recyclables," says Waste

Management in their [Recycling 101 webpage](#).

For example, food or liquid placed recycling that saturates paper and cardboard can contaminate it. "Once contaminated, these recyclables can no longer be recycled. They become trash."

### **Bulky trash items**

For large, non-metal trash items, such as beds, couches, toilets, sinks, carpets, and furniture, residents must purchase a "Bulky Item Tag" for each bulky trash item to be picked up. A bulky item tag costs \$10 and is available at most places where Dover trash bags can be purchased. See the Community Services' [Bag and Tag webpage](#) for a list of locations.

Please note, televisions, computer monitors, microwaves and other metal objects are not accepted for bulky item pickup.

Items left on the curb without a tag may be turned over to the City's health officer to see whether the items can be traced to a property.

All recycling and trash, including bulky tag items, should still be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the designated collection day or as early as 4 p.m. the day before. [Click here](#) for an interactive map that shows trash pickup days based on location.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

#### **School Board, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a workshop session on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

#### **Zoning Board, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at City Hall. To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

A video preview of the meeting can be viewed here: [ZBA Preview, 2/18/2021](#).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.

### **City boards provide many ways to let your voice be heard, from home**

The City of Dover reminds residents that it is easy to participate in public meetings without attending in person. Public participation is vital for City of Dover operations and future planning.

Dover residents, business owners and property owners may contact any public board or commission, such as the City Council or School Board, by utilizing specific email addresses or contact information that reaches all members at once. People can also call 516-MEET (6338) and leave a message that will be forwarded to the appropriate public body. To be heard ahead of a particular meeting, call or email at least two hours before the meeting begins.

As with speaking at a public hearing or Citizens' Forum, phone messages and emails sent to all board members will be retained as part of the meeting minutes and are subject to New Hampshire's Right to Know law, RSA 91:A.

City Council, School Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings and workshops are televised live on Channel 22 and available for on-demand viewing at <https://dovernh.viebit.com/>.

Other boards and commissions have audio recordings of their meetings that are usually available the next day. You may download these audio recordings from the meeting minutes page of the public body.

To see all of the City's boards, commissions and committees, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/](https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/).

## Survey seeks feedback from motorists

Over the next 12 months, staff from the City of Dover and Sebago Technics will monitor traffic data and implement new traffic signal coordination programming throughout 17 signalized intersections along the Central Avenue corridor. As part of the ongoing implementation, drivers who use the corridor are asked to provide feedback about how these efforts are improving traffic flow. This feedback includes a simple, five-question poll, which can be accessed online at <https://conta.cc/3pFYtQl>. Other such surveys will be published as changes to the signal timings are made to gauge public reaction.

The program is the result of a partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT), which provided grant funding to install the innovative technologies at 17 of Dover's intersections within the Central Avenue corridor.

The \$811,875 project is made possible from \$649,500 in grants from the FHWA's Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration Grants Program administered by the DOT and a 20 percent match from the City of Dover, totaling \$162,375. The FHWA grants were approved by Governor and Executive Council, DOT and Dover City Council. FHWA's AID Demonstration Program provides funding to accelerate the implementation and adoption of innovation in highway transportation.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450. To view a video detailing the project, visit <https://dovernh.viebit.com/player.php?hash=WPwgOuxNGoqm>.



Paula Daley DePlanche, left, accepts the Volunteer of the Year award from Cheryl Thompson of First Seacoast Bank at the 2020 Annual Awards Gala.

## Dover Chamber now accepting nominations for 2021

# Annual Awards Gala

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards Gala, in which awards will be given out to the citizen, volunteer, educator, business and non-profit of the year. The Chamber also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a local area student pursuing higher education.

These awards provide an opportunity for member businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and to recognize individuals and non-profits who have made a lasting impact in the Greater Dover community. All awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Gala, held on Friday, June 4, 2021. The format of the event is to be determined.

The GDCC encourages businesses and residents to think about individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the community and consider nominating them for one of the Chamber awards. To submit award nominations, visit [www.dovernh.org/awards](http://www.dovernh.org/awards). Nominations for business, volunteer, non-profit, and citizen of the year are due April 9 by 4 p.m. Nominations for educator of the year and student scholarship applications are due May 3 by 4 p.m.

“Our volunteers, advocates, dedicated residents, and businesses are true assets of our community,” says GDCC President Margaret Joyce. “If you know or have observed an outstanding individual, business, or nonprofit organization that deserves to be honored by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce this year, please let us know by submitting a nomination.”

The Annual Awards Gala serves as a sponsorship opportunity for local businesses. For information about potential sponsorships in connection with the Annual Awards Gala, email Community Events Manager Morgan Faustino at [events@dovernh.org](mailto:events@dovernh.org).

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit association of businesses, professionals, individuals, and organizations working together to advance the economic well-being of its members and the community. For information on programs, please call the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce at 603-742-2218, email [info@dovernh.org](mailto:info@dovernh.org), or visit [www.dovernh.org](http://www.dovernh.org).

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## Free weekly food pickup Saturdays in Dover

### Part of the USDA “Farmers to Families Food Box” program

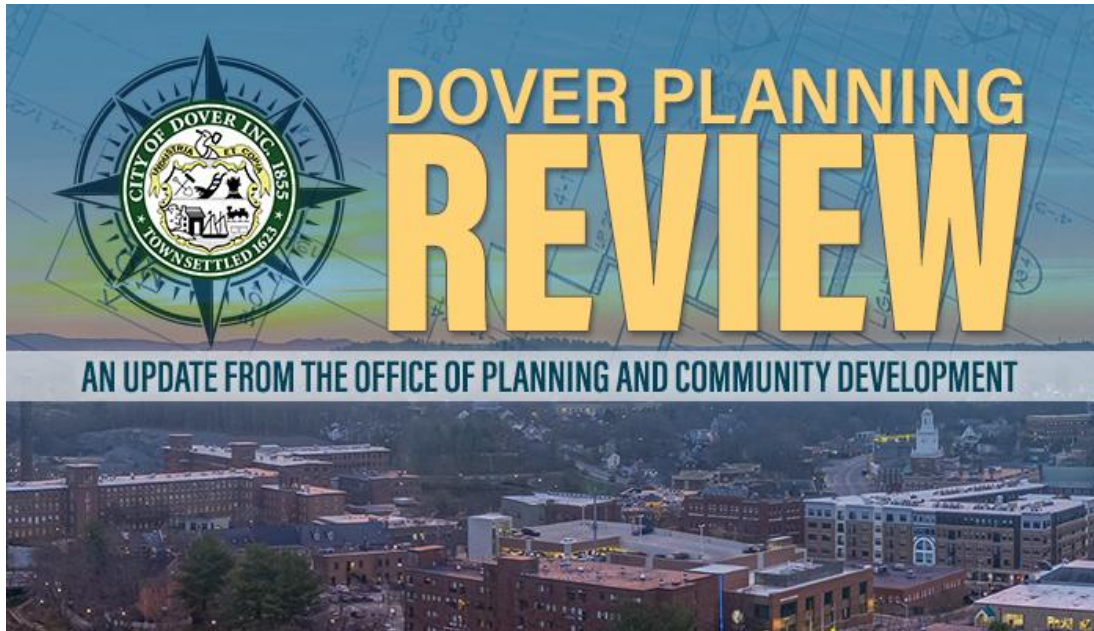
Restoration Church at 80 Rutland Street hosts a weekly U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) “Farmers to Family Food Box” pickup location on Saturdays at 11 a.m. The pickup is expected to continue throughout the winter and into spring.

Anyone can receive a box of food, and no personal information is needed to obtain it. The pickup location is the Restoration Church’s parking lot. Volunteers at the church will load food into the receiver’s vehicle. Each week, there will be at least 1,100 boxes of food for distribution, according to an organizer.

The USDA announced the Farmers to Family Food Box program on April 17, 2020, as part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. According to the USDA’s website, this is the fifth round of USDA food purchases where the department will purchase up to \$1.5 billion worth of food for delivery through the end of April. Fresh produce, dairy products, fluid milk and meat products, and seafood products will also be included in this round of purchases.

USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is partnering with national, regional and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of restaurants, hotels and other foodservice businesses, to purchase up to \$6 billion in fresh produce, dairy and meat products from American producers of all sizes, according to the USDA. Distributors package these products into family-sized boxes, then transport them to food banks, community and faith-based organizations, and other non-profits serving Americans in need.



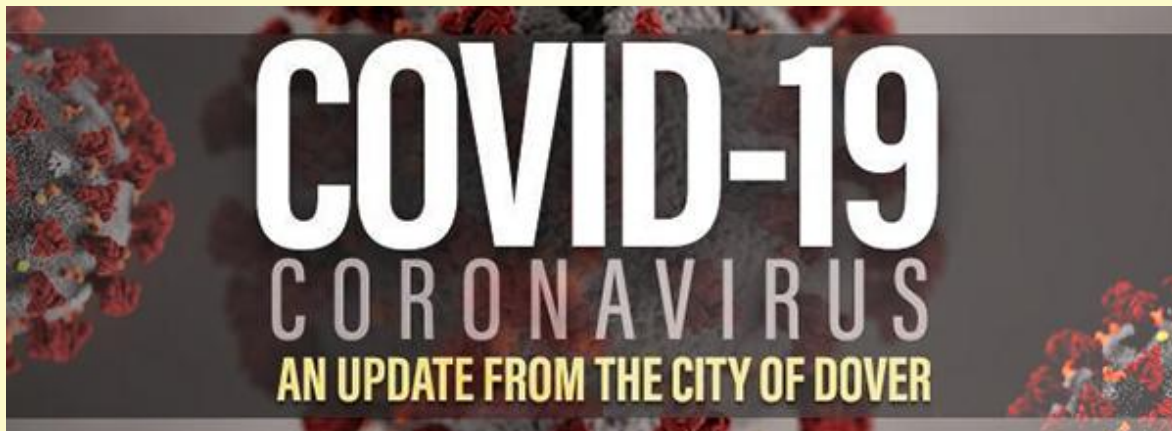


## **Subscribe to the Planning Department newsletter, the Dover Planning Review**

In this week's issue of the Dover Planning Review, Assistant City Manager Christopher G. Parker highlights the process the Planning Board goes through each year as it reviews and potentially updates the City of Dover's land-use regulations.

Parker provides an overview of the proposed amendments the Planning Board will consider this year and the public process for how these amendments were brought forward, debated and either ratified or rejected. Last week, Parker highlighted public-private partnerships in Dover and how they relate to the planning process.

The Dover Planning Review is a publication of the City's Office of Planning and Community Development that offers regular updates on current projects and initiatives throughout the city, as well as updates about the work of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and other land-use boards and commissions. To sign up to receive the newsletter in your inbox, add Dover Planning Review to your current email subscription list here: <http://bit.ly/dovernewsletters>.



**COVID-19 vaccination registration remains open for New Hampshire**

**Statewide mask mandate**



# residents in Phase 1B

COVID vaccination registration for NH residents in Phase 1B began on Jan. 22. Vaccinations are under way. Phase 1B includes:

- Persons who are 65 years of age or older
- Persons who are under 65 years old with defined medical conditions that put them at significantly higher risk
- A caregiver for a medically vulnerable family member under 16 years of age
- Staff member or resident of an institution for developmental disabilities
- A corrections officer or staff member working in a correctional facility
- First responders and health workers not already vaccinated

The registration and scheduling process for vaccination will vary depending on the person's prioritization criteria and location of vaccination clinic:

- Persons 65 years of age and older should register to be vaccinated at a fixed site by visiting <https://vaccines.nh.gov>. Persons without internet access should call 2-1-1 to get assistance with registration.
- Persons under 65 years of age who are prioritized due to medical conditions need to register through their healthcare provider to confirm eligibility and facilitate vaccination.
- Other Phase 1B individuals should register to be vaccinated at a fixed site by visiting <https://vaccines.nh.gov> (or call 2-1-1 if no internet access), through their organization (e.g. hospital employee), or through a vaccination clinic organized by a Regional Public Health Network (RPHN).

If you are unsure what Phase you fall under, use the COVID-19 Vaccine Phases Assessment Tool to help you determine your status: <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>.

After submitting your online registration form, you will receive an automated email from the CDC Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) to schedule your vaccine appointment. [Guide to the VAMS registration and scheduling process.](#)

For general questions on vaccination or to schedule vaccination if the online system cannot be used, call 211 or 1-866-444-4211.

If you are a Dover resident or a Dover Public Library card holder and you need help navigating registration, the Dover Public Library may be able to help. Call 516-6050, email [libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov](mailto:libraryquestions@dover.nh.gov), or send the Library a message to find a time that works for you.

A statewide mask mandate remains in effect through March 26, 2021.

Per the order, everyone over the age of 5 in New Hampshire must wear mask or cloth face coverings over their noses and mouths when in public spaces, indoors or outdoors, when unable to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from persons outside their own households.

The entire order, including exceptions and exclusions, [can be viewed here.](#)

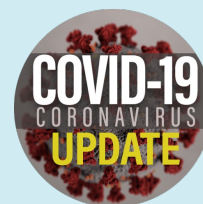
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## COVID-19 updates

Want to receive the latest information about the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and how it affects your community? Sign up for the City of Dover's email updates and you'll receive helpful information from local and state health officials about the pandemic, including how you can protect yourself and others, how to safely enjoy the holidays, what to consider before traveling, and much more.

To start receiving the email updates, visit [bit.ly/doverdownload](https://bit.ly/doverdownload) and select COVID-19 updates from the list of city newsletters.

For more information, visit the City's COVID-19 [online resource here.](#)



# When can I get a **COVID-19 VACCINE** in NH?

Updated: 1/21/2021



## PHASE 1B NOW OPEN

To register go to [www.vaccines.nh.gov](http://www.vaccines.nh.gov)

**DECEMBER - MARCH\***

- People 65 and older
- Medically vulnerable people under 65 who are at significantly higher risk with 2 or more conditions
- Family caregivers of medically vulnerable persons under 16 years old
- Residents and staff of residential facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Corrections officers and staff working in correctional facilities
- First responders and health workers not already vaccinated



## PHASE 2

**PHASE 2A**  
• K-12 school and childcare staff

**PHASE 2B**  
• People 50-64 years old

**MARCH - MAY\***



## PHASE 3

**PHASE 3A**  
• Medically vulnerable people under 50 years old at moderately higher risk with 1 or more conditions

**PHASE 3B**  
• Everyone else not already vaccinated

**MAY and BEYOND\***

Visit [vaccines.nh.gov](http://vaccines.nh.gov) or call 2-1-1 for more information.

\*Estimated time frame depends on vaccine doses allocated to NH from the federal government and vaccine uptake.



## What you should know about COVID-19

COVID-19 can present with a wide range of symptoms including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell. Any person who develops new symptoms should stay home, limit their contact with others, immediately contact their healthcare provider and get tested for COVID-19. [Guidance for self-quarantine is available here.](#)

Whether or not you are experiencing symptoms, multiple testing options throughout the State are available to potentially exposed individuals. For persons without health insurance or a primary care provider, testing is available and can be scheduled by calling (603) 271-5980 or through completing the online form at [business.nh.gov/DOS\\_COVID19Testing](http://business.nh.gov/DOS_COVID19Testing). Other options can be found here: [www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm](http://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/testing-guidance.htm).

COVID-19 continues to circulate in our communities, so all people need to protect themselves and help prevent further community spread, by:

- [Stay at least 6 feet away from others](#), whenever possible. This is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- [Cover your mouth and nose with a mask](#) when around others. This helps reduce the risk of spread both by close contact and by airborne transmission.
- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- [Avoid crowded indoor spaces](#) and [ensure indoor spaces are properly ventilated](#) by bringing in outdoor air as much as possible. In general, being outdoors and in spaces with good ventilation reduces the risk of exposure to infectious respiratory droplets.
- [Stay home and isolate](#) from others when sick.
- [Routinely clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces.

For more information on COVID-19 in NH, please visit [www.nh.gov/covid19/](http://www.nh.gov/covid19/).

Source: New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New

Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, [located here](#).

**Feb. 15, 1683** — A special court is summoned for Edward Gove on high treason. The trial of Edward Gove for "high treason" occurred this year, being the first and last trial of the kind in the colony or province of New Hampshire. Gove, who lived in that part of Hampton, now Seabrook, was a leading man as well as a member of the assembly, and was very active in his opposition to Robert Mason's claims of land ownership in New Hampshire and to the Governor who favored them. He finally carried his opposition on a visit to Dover, Portsmouth and Exeter, and raised men to rebel against the government. Warrants were issued for his arrest and when a justice and a constable attempted to arrest him he resisted and they failed in his arrest. He with his followers rode from Exeter to Hampton with trumpets blowing and drawn swords. At Hampton they were surrounded and taken, all but the trumpeter who broke through and escaped. Gove was taken to Portsmouth and a special court was summoned Feb. 15, 1683, when he was tried for high treason, found guilty and sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered. Sentence was deferred to learn the King's pleasure. He was sent to England and confined in the tower of London for three years, was pardoned Sept. 14, 1685, returned home and his estate was restored to him.

**Feb. 17, 1696** — The Provincial Council having information that the bridge over Cochecho River was broken and gone, whereby relief to Heard's Garrison would be hindered in case of an attack from the enemy, ordered the Secretary to give notice to Capt. John Woodman, Capt. John Tuttle and the Selectmen of Dover that they with all convenient speed call the inhabitants of the town together and make a sufficient bridge over the same.

**Feb. 12, 1800** — Capt. John Riley of Dover and the schooner Fanny, is captured by French privateer Hasard, of Puerto Rico. Hasard has Riley and two of his men sent to his ship, and then boards Riley's schooner. Hasard's men search the vessel and remove property valued at \$400, before leaving Riley and his schooner.

**Feb. 17, 1824** — Notice was given that the Savings Bank for the County of Strafford, in Dover, was organized and ready to receive deposits.

**Feb. 17, 1856** — Another severe snow storm occurred at this time, blocking up travel so effectually that no trains reached Dover on any railroad for four days.



## February vacation at Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library has lots of options, both virtual and in person, to keep kids of all ages busy during February vacation week.

Are you a Disney extended universe superfan? Prove it! Join the Teen Trivia night on Monday, Feb. 22 from 6-7 p.m. We'll be testing our knowledge of Disney, Marvel, and Star Wars using Kahoot! both in-person and virtually. If you'd like to participate virtually, please register to receive a Ring Central meeting link 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.

The library is offering a Virtual Cartooning Class on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 2-3 p.m. Award-winning cartoonist and humorous illustrator Rick Stromoski <http://rickstromoski.com/> will teach



you how to create your own cartoon characters, draw facial expressions, and even some animals. Kids in grades three through seven are invited to register for this virtual vacation week activity. All you need is some paper and your favorite drawing tools. You will receive the link the day of the program when you register.

On Thursday, Feb. 25 at from 3-4 p.m., teens in grades 7-12 are invited to join us as we travel back through time and space in this virtual tribute game to Ernest Cline's best-selling novel Ready, Player One. Come test your problem-solving and trivia knowledge (no spoilers are revealed in the playing of this game) Registration is required.

In addition to our regular weekly Craft and Stem Grab and Go activities, we will offer more kits geared towards older kids and teens. We are also partnering with the Children's Museum of New Hampshire to bring you even more Stem activities. These kits will be available each month through June. They will contain all the supplies you need as well as links to instructional videos. All of these kits will be available starting on Monday, February 22 while supplies last.

Don't forget we have lots of books, audiobooks, and DVDs to keep the family entertained. We are still offering outside pick-up of materials on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Some museums are also open so check our website for information and to reserve a pass.

All of our programs are free and open to the public. Please check our website [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) for more information or to register for programs.

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## Travel New England from the comfort of your own home

If you're itching for a little escape, look no further than "The New Normal New England Road Trip," a virtual presentation with Chronicle reporter Ted Reinstein.

Hosted by Dover Public Library and their Friends group, the presentation will take place on Monday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

During a challenging time when most people are limiting their travel, this talk takes folks along on a rollicking ride around New England – all in just one hour, and from the comfort of their own home.

Author of three books about New England and longtime Chronicle reporter Ted Reinstein is your tour guide as you go from Maine to Rhode Island, Mt. Washington to Mt. Mansfield, and Berkshire foliage to Fenway Park.

Ted's 20-plus years of reporting and telling stories from all over New England means this is not your average bus tour. Prepare to meet colorful characters who have done the darndest things, learn odd facts about familiar places, and of course, expect to visit at least a few fabulous classic diners. (Spoiler alert: Ted reveals where to find THE best clam chowdah in America – and it's right here in New England!) After the presentation, Ted will take questions from audience members.

The New Normal Road Trip will be held live online through Ring Central and registration is required to access the login information. This program is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register, visit [library.dover.nh.gov](http://library.dover.nh.gov) or call the Library at 603-516-6050.

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## The Week at the Library

### February VIRTUAL Cookbook Club

Join us for a virtual exploration of *Sheet Pan Suppers* by Molly Gilbert. Throughout the month of February, send in pictures of your dishes created with recipes from the books and a small description of your cooking process, how you felt about the

reading ability your child might want to only be read to OR they may read to us! Either way this a great opportunity to gain reading confidence and encourage a love for reading! Once you register we will be in touch with you by Tuesday evening to schedule a time that works best for your

recipe, and/or your thoughts on the books. We will share your creations on our social media pages throughout the month. Photos can be sent to Emily

at [e.fortin@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.fortin@dover.nh.gov), or tag us on Instagram @doverpubliclibrary.

**Monday, Feb. 15, Library Closed for President's Day**

**Monday, Feb. 15, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Virtual Dungeons & Dragons: Teen B**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons LIVE online through Roll20 with Dungeon Master Aidan! This brand new Monday night group will be starting on the arctic survival quest Rime of the Frostmaiden! A perfect starting point for players new and old, adventurers will have to brave the elements and face the dangerous polar monsters of Icewind Dale to protect what few settlements cling to the ice. Registration required.

**Tuesday, Feb. 16, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall**

Families are invited to join us for storytime in the Lecture Hall. Kids of all ages with an adult will enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes.

A craft will be available to take home.

Please register for this event since attendance is limited to 5 groups. Groups will be appropriately distanced and please wear a mask.

**Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Dungeons & Dragons: 18 and older in the Lecture Hall**

Drop in and play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Dave. This 18 & older group is for new and veteran role-playing gamers to join us in the library for two hours of adventure, imagination, and strategy. The group will meet every Tuesday night, though you do not need to have attended previous sessions to enjoy your first game. No experience or materials are required and all skill levels are welcome to play. Sessions will be socially distant indoors in the Lecture Hall. Please ensure at least six feet of space between yourself and other attendees and that you wear a mask while in the library.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
**Read WITH a Librarian**

Sign up to have a librarian read with your child! Depending on your child's age and

schedule between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. This program is best for Toddlers/Preschooler through age 9.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**In-Person Adult Knitting Group in the Lecture Hall**

Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to gather in the Lecture Hall with their projects for an in-person crafting circle. Please remember to wear a mask and observe social distancing rules

**Wednesday, Feb. 17, 4 to 4:45 p.m.**  
**Online Storytime**

Check out a new session of Miss Tina's storytime. This storytime and all previous recordings may be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/2z4EDcp>

**Wednesday, Feb. 17, 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Pizza and Pages in the Lecture Hall**

Pizza & Pages is a book group for kids in grades 7 and up. At each meeting the group picks the books for the next session. This month, we will be discussing *Moxie* by Jennifer Mathieu. Copies of the book are available in the Library as well as on NH Overdrive. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks! You may also participate virtually by registering online.

**Thursday, Feb. 18, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall**

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**Friday, Feb. 19, 10 to 10:30 a.m.**

**VIRTUAL Mother Goose on the Loose**

Mother Goose On the Loose is back! Please join Miss JoJo for lots of songs, rhymes, stories and silliness! This program is for babies through Pre-K, siblings are always welcome. You will be required to submit your library card information upon registering as this program is for patrons of DPL only. Once you are approved, you will be provided with a secure link to our virtual session via Ring Central.





# luck of the irish sweepstakes

VIRTUAL  MARCH 17TH

## 19th annual sweepstakes and auction tickets on sale

Feeling lucky? "Sweeps" is an annual fundraiser for the Chamber that will culminate with a \$10,000 grand prize winner. This year's drawing will be done virtually on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2021. The Chamber was unable to hold last year's event due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at [dovernh.org/sweeps](https://www.dovernh.org/sweeps). Each ticket is just \$50. No more than 300 tickets will be sold. In addition to the \$10,000 grand prize drawing, this event will also feature other exciting virtual elements, including raffles and a silent auction.

For more information, visit the Chamber's website here: <https://www.dovernh.org/sweepstakes-auction>.

# BE INFORMED

Sign up for  
parking ban  
alerts today

Text DoverNH to 99411 to receive parking ban alerts

Sign up for text alerts at [bit.ly/dovercodered](https://bit.ly/dovercodered)

Sign up for e-mail alerts at [bit.ly/doverdownload](https://bit.ly/doverdownload)

Current ban status: [bit.ly/doverban](https://bit.ly/doverban) or 516-PARK



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# Time to renew dog licenses

Dog licenses for 2021 are now available. All dogs must be licensed by April 30 to avoid a late fee. The cost for a male or female dog is \$10, a neutered male or spayed female dog is \$7.50 and puppies (3-7 months) are \$7.50 for first licensing.

Residents 65 years of age or older may license one dog for \$3. Additional licenses require regular fees.

The City Clerk's office requires proof of rabies information and a certificate of spaying or neutering sent by email to [s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov](mailto:s.mistretta@dover.nh.gov) or by mail to City of Dover, City Clerk's Office, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH 03820.

Late fees of \$1 a month begin June 1.

Dog licenses can be renewed at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, by mail or [online](#).

A checking account is required for [online dog license registration](#). To ensure privacy, dog owners must provide the dog's tag number.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

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## City's boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, [click here](#).

Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by mail, or by email. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City

## City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

The City of Dover is now seeking applications the following positions:

- **Police Officer**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Assistant City Planner**
- **Utility Laborer**
- **Maintenance Mechanic, Streets**
- **Executive Secretary, Finance**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Technician**
- **Lifeguard**
- **Custodian**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

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## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board meetings on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin

Clerk's office at 516-6018.

watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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