



# Town of Portsmouth

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Re: COVID-19 Wellness Survey

Dear Town of Portsmouth Residents,

In an effort to keep all residents safe and secure, and to provide access to essential services, the Town of Portsmouth is sending every household the attached COVID-19 Wellness Survey. Our community looks out for its citizens and there are programs in place to help those most vulnerable, a population we have been familiar with. However, COVID-19 has changed our understanding of whom the vulnerable are. Not only do many of us fear becoming ill with COVID-19, but the necessary response actions to slow the spread of this virus have left us with a changed food supply, limited mobility and social interaction, and loss of income for many families. Childcare and elder care services are disrupted, and health care systems are not as accessible. Additionally, our children are isolated from friends, and families are adjusting to a new schooling routine. The impact on all of us is real, and the population we have considered vulnerable is expanding.

I am reaching out to every household in Portsmouth to assess if they have any COVID-19 related needs.

Enclosed is a response survey with a few questions that, if completed and returned, will help us identify those in need. I urge every household to please take a minute to complete and return the survey. If you do not return it, we will not know the COVID-19 impact upon you or your family. If a home needs assistance, our intent is to contact the home to assess their welfare concerns. That said, this survey is voluntary, and your participation is optional. The survey may also be completed online at <https://bit.ly/PEMA-COV19-Wellness-Survey>.

If you have questions about this initiative, please feel free to call **Ray Perry, CEM, our Town Emergency Manager, at (401) 477-2172** or e-mail him at [COVID@portsmouthri.com](mailto:COVID@portsmouthri.com).

Sincerely,

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Encl: 1) COVID-19 Wellness Survey  
2) COVID-19 Wellness Information