

TASC NEWS

"TASC's mission is to help people maintain their health, independence and dignity by mobilizing volunteer drivers to provide rides to eligible residents of the NH seacoast communities we serve."

Serving the Communities of: **Brentwood, Exeter, Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, North Hampton, Rye, Seabrook and Stratham**

Passengers

Ridership saw a precipitous decline from March 2020 (255 rides) to April 2020 (126 rides) due to the Coronavirus. Some cancellations were the result of medical facilities being closed, some were due to the fact that they were not emergencies, and some were because the passengers themselves were a member of the "vulnerable population".

Drivers

The volunteer driver population paralleled the decline in ridership because many drivers are "vulnerable population" cohorts with passengers. Although PPE was provided to all drivers, there is a structural limit to social distancing in a vehicle.

Funding

TASC had negotiated an agreement with The Brook, the company that now owns the former Seabrook dog track, to host TASC charity gaming. However, games of chance during this pandemic did not favor the house, so our date was delayed.

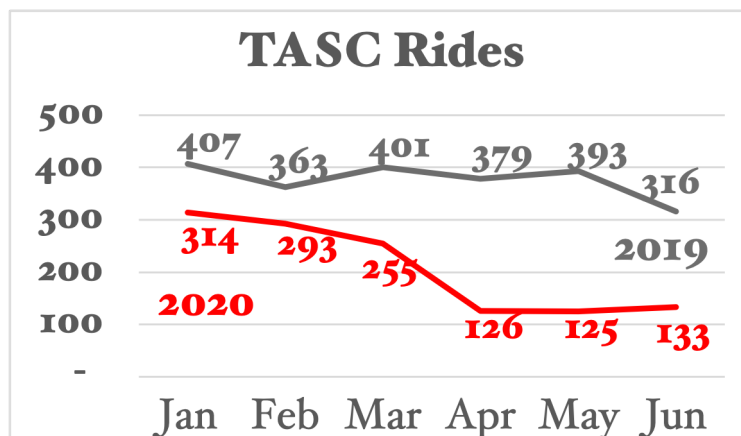
We have just been notified by "The Brook" that gaming dates of August 22nd, 23rd and 26th have been awarded to TASC.

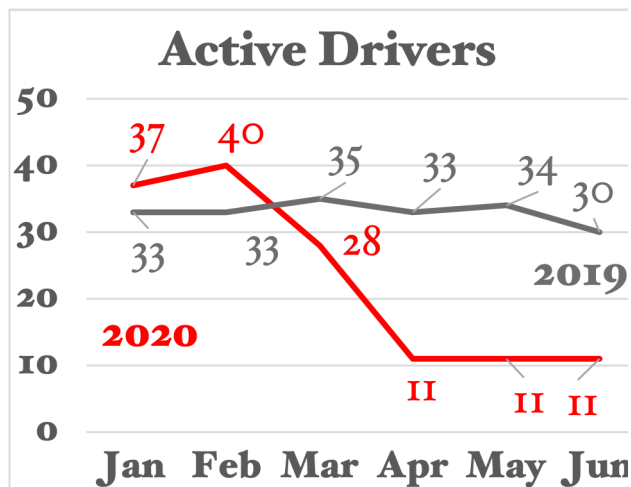
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Ok maybe this is carrying face coverings a little too far, but it serves to illustrate the importance of this preventative measure. All TASC passengers and drivers are required to wear face coverings because they cannot social distance the recommended six feet in a car.

Since the driver, by necessity, must be in the front seat, all passengers are requested to ride in the back seat. The facts are that six-foot social distancing is not physically possible, but face coverings are.



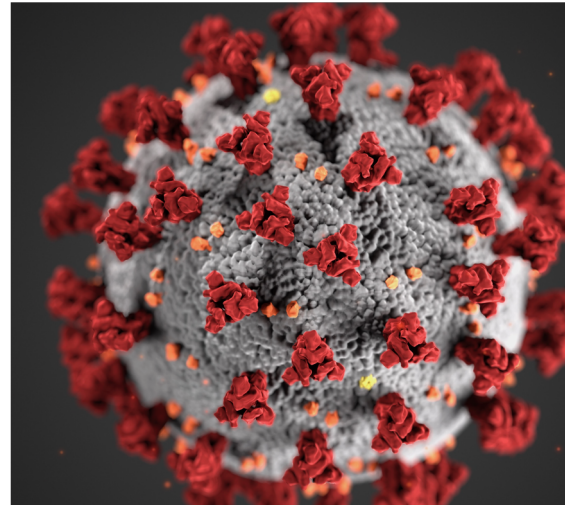


Hero Drivers

A survey of TASC drivers revealed that the majority of them fall within the group that is the most at risk if they catch Covid-19. However, a number of them have decided that their passengers are more at risk. For many the decision is a battle between their own safety and the necessity of the passenger keeping their appointment.

Some appointments have been cancelled and still others have been done over the phone. But those who go to kidney dialysis do not have an option; not going could prove to be fatal! So, it becomes a simple decision for the passenger; Covid may be a risk but dialysis is an absolute necessity.

The TASC Board of Directors wishes to thank these drivers for their service. They are part of a cadre of individuals who have put their own safety at risk for the greater good of the community. They are members of that greater health care community who have chosen to serve us all regardless of personal risk.



The firework visuals that titillated our emotions last year have been replaced by the visceral image of Covid-19 which evokes emotions of fear and dread.

The fear and dread that many feel are primeval reactions to the unknown. It has been said that we have unknowns, known unknowns and unknown unknowns. We have a known unknown because we do not know if an effective vaccine will be developed. And..... we also have an unknown unknown because we don't know when we will have one or if it will be effective!

We all wish the best for each other, but we have to hide historical non-verbal communications behind face coverings. Since 55% of our communications are non-verbal we are missing much of the message. Smiles and frowns are indistinguishable behind this new facial fashion.

Handshake "thank yous" have been replaced by fist and elbow bumps.

We all wish to trade this new normal for the old normal as soon as possible!

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Funding

The bad news is this year's "Spring Fling" had to be flung on the Covid cancellation heap. The colorful firework skies remain dark for the same reason. But it looks like gaming may be salvaged!

Did you know that in order to operate gaming facilities in New Hampshire, the gaming organization must donate 35% of their revenue to a non-profit? They do! And TASC is lucky to have been selected as one of those non-profits.

Pre-Pandemic TASC was awarded 10 gaming dates. Post-Pandemic it was reduced to 5 days. Then, due to disinfecting protocols the number has been further reduced to 3 days.

"The Brook" is the Seacoast's premier destination for gaming, sports viewing, and pari-mutuel wagering. The latest TASC's dates for this year are August 22nd, 23rd and 26th. Please join Us!

After a comprehensive remodel, the former Seabrook Park is now completely transformed into a year-round entertainment hub. Whether it's a girls' night out, fantasy football draft day, or you just want to bet against the wheel, it's time to come see what all the excitement is about. We hope that you'll go during the TASC dates and let them know you're there to support us!

You can find out what "The Brook" is doing to keep you safe from COVID-19 and more, at <https://www.livefreeandplay.com/>. Looking forward to seeing you there.

