

# Questions from May 1, 2020

## Facebook Live

Thanks to everyone who sent questions and concerns. We have consolidated the questions and posted answers to the best of our ability; as circumstances change, some of the answers may also change. We will post more questions and answers as they become available from reliable sources. Yawe

- Carol B Bauman
  - I'm concerned about OCHC employee stress in particular. How is that being addressed? Are they allowed days off when requested?
  - ANSWER - Thank you Carol. I will add this to the questions for OCHC and post the response when it is received.
    - Response from OCHC: Thank you for your question. Time off is a departmental decision based upon patient load and workload. The focus of Comprehensive Health is and has been to assure the needs of the Oneida community are met by each of the departments with limited staffing as well as the needs of our staff.
  
- Linda Torres
  - How many graduating seniors?
  - ANSWER - About 32, per today's live video.
  
- Nicole Crowzy Peters
  - Any idea when the casinos are going to be opening?
  - ANSWER - There is no approved date identified at this time. The Updated Safer at Home declaration allow for the following: "...gaming shall begin operations only upon approval of the safe re-opening plans by the Public Health Officer and approval of the Oneida Business Committee." Gaming Management is working on their plan to resume operations and obtain the required approvals; again, there is no approved date at this time.
  
- Keith Doxtator
  - Question for Artley - Are diplomas scheduled to go out on time? Trust Enrollment is receiving Minors Trust distribution process questions wondering what will happen if diplomas are delayed.
  - ANSWER - Yes, the students will receive a copy of their diploma in time for the deadline.
  
- Jayne La Belle
  - Are there emergency dental appts available
  - ANSWER - Please contact the Dental by calling 920-869-2711. You will be triaged and scheduled accordingly. Thank you!

- Raeann Skenandore
  - Repeat the name of the virtual graduation?
  - ANSWER - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/789975061494796/> is what I believe he is talking about.
  
- Tanya Hill
  - What is the plan to limit the number of individuals that are allowed in the school when the parents/students pick up their items? Another issue will be limiting the area allowed as to not contaminate the whole school so we can effectively clean and disinfect with the low number of employees available in facilities
  - ANSWER - Thank you for the question. This will be forwarded to the school for review. Artley did indicate they are in the process of planning for this.
  
- Linda Torres
  - Medical team-when will PT re-open?
  - ANSWER - All departments within Comprehensive Health (including Physical Therapy) are putting together safety plans so they are ready once they are able to open. We can't provide a specific date at this time.
  
- Tony Galbraith
  - Are they still going to keep the casino closed until May 12th or the 26th or further than that?
  - ANSWER - There is no approved date identified at this time. The Updated Safer at Home declaration allow for the following: "...gaming shall begin operations only upon approval of the safe re-opening plans by the Public Health Officer and approval of the Oneida Business Committee." Gaming Management is working on their plan to resume operations and obtain the required approvals; again, there is no approved date at this time.
  
- Sylvia S Cornelius
  - Missed the graduation dates, please post. Thank you
  - ANSWER - High School Graduation - 8/16 1 p.m. @ Radisson; 8th Grade - 8/13 6 p.m. @ Turtle School

- Chenoa Webster
  - A big yaw^ko to ONSS Food Service and Head Start staff who have been working together to prepare and distribute food to students/families within the ONSS, Head Start, and Face Programs! Question: Are ONSS and Face Program staff willing to help assist with meal distribution to give others, who have been helping, a break?
  - ANSWER - Thank you for your question. All employees within the ONSS are working to meet the needs of the students and community while complying with the Nation's Safer at Home declaration and the direction provided by the BIE. If there are concerns about staffing or coverage of the meal distribution sites, please feel free to contact the COVID-19 Call Center at [covid-19@oneidanation.org](mailto:covid-19@oneidanation.org) or 920-869-4481 to be directed to the proper area and/or chain of command.
  
- Jessica Elm
  - Wondering... if 21% of Native cases across the Bemidji area are in Oneida why there isn't more attention to this in the media?
  - ANSWER - Thank you for your comment Jessica. That's correct, within the Oneida Nation's jurisdiction there are 8 of the 38 positive cases in the Bemidji IHS Area. We can't intuit where the media chooses to focus their attention. We do our best to share information as it become available from reliable sources. IHS updates this page with statistics from their service areas on a regular basis: <https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/>
  
- Jamie Willis
  - Could we have a dry erase name tag in front of the speakers so people know the names who is speaking in the future? Can't remember names in the beginning and people join in all different times.
  - ANSWER - That's a great idea Jamie. We will see what we can do for next week. Today, from left to right, we have Bobbi Webster, Dr. Ravinder Vir, Sheri Mousseau (ONSS Superintendent), and Artley Skenandore (6-12 Principal).
  
- Emil Elm
  - how can there be a lack of supplies? Isn't that why they kept the \$5000 payment?
  - ANSWER - It isn't clear what you asking about or referencing. Please feel free to email your question to [COVID-19@oneidanation.org](mailto:COVID-19@oneidanation.org) or call (920) 869-4481 to get an answer.
  
- Tony Galbraith
  - I love how everyone is wearing a mask. NOT. you tell us to be safe and wear a mask but its ok for you guys to preach about it and not do it GOOD JOB. ..NOT WOW
  - ANSWER - Dr. Vir removed his mask to ensure he could be heard clearly. Thank you for the feedback. Modeling is important.

- Carol B Bauman
  - If questions are being answered afterwards? I have a question: What is the OCHC doing to manage employee stress (of those working for OCHC/OBH) during COVID-19.
  - ANSWER - Thanks for the question Carol. We will forward it on and post the response here when it is received.
    - Response from OCHC: We are meeting with our Directors/Supervisors daily and talk about the importance of taking care of themselves offering suggestions and encouraging them to seek questions if they have concerns. As an example, this message and link were sent out to all OCHD staff this morning. "Please browse the UW Psychiatry website. This has a comprehensive wellness kit and resources for Healthcare workers and families, apps that help deal with stress and anxiety.  
<https://www.psychiatry.wisc.edu/covid-19-mental-health>"