

March 4, 2022

**PUBLIC HEALTH FINDINGS AND ORDER**  
**ORDER RESCINDING FACIAL COVERINGS REQUIREMENT**  
**DATE EFFECTIVE: MARCH 4, 2022**

The Oneida Nation Code of Laws, Emergency Management and Public Safety, Chapter 302 authorizes the Nation's Public Health Officer to take action to prevent the spread of any communicable disease. §302.7. The Community/ Public Health Officer may take communicable disease control measures as necessary.

Recently to protect members of the public from becoming infected by a communicable disease it had been necessary to issue Orders for specific control measures.

**THE ONEIDA NATION PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER HEREBY FINDS THAT:**

1. Previously an increase in community transmission of a communicable disease (COVID-19) had occurred. Additional precautions were warranted.
  - a) On March 12, 2020 the Oneida Nation declared a Public Health State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the world, the United States, the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin counties and municipalities, and the Oneida Reservation. The Nation has been under a continual Public Health State of Emergency since March 12, 2020.
  - b) Oneida Nation Public Health is using data and science to determine the actions necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 across the Oneida Reservation.
  - c) Beginning August 6, 2021, it was necessary to implement a facial covering requirement based on a high community transmission level of COVID-19.
  - d) The number of Oneida COVID-19 cases was growing and there was concern the number of persons needing medical facilities would exceed locally available resources.
2. Recently released guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated metrics used to monitor the pandemic and the recommended mitigation strategies. Tracking COVID-19 Community Levels, both Brown and Outagamie Counties, the Counties in which the Oneida Nation Reservation is located, are now identified as "low".
3. Currently, based on the COVID-19 Community Level data, COVID-19 spread is currently reflected as "low", the public health finding and order which were in effect through March 24, 2022, are modified to reflect the current data and the order requiring facial coverings is rescinded.
4. The rescinding of the order does not affect ability of the Nation's Government, Departments and Divisions from implementing orders specific to their operations. See CDC setting specific guidance for recommended mitigation strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
5. COVID-19 spreads mainly from person-to-person through respiratory droplets when a person with a COVID-19 infection coughs, sneezes, or talks.

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**For the latest information about COVID-19 visit:**

Oneida Nation:

<https://oneida-nsn.gov/>

State of Wisconsin:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels-county-map.html>

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March 04, 2022

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Date Signed