



To protect, nurture and advance
the health of our community

ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES

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WHEREAS, on December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, causing a disease, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor declared a public health emergency in the State of Wisconsin in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President proclaimed a National Emergency in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, millions of people around the world have tested positive for COVID-19, including more than one million people in the United States, and thousands of people in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is present throughout Wisconsin, including in Oneida County;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services established the guidelines for “Safer at Home”, which provides social distancing guidelines informed by Wisconsin public health experts and is consistent with recommendations by the President and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that Secretary Designee Andrea Palm’s “Safer at Home” order extension was not valid, and struck down the order on May 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, this leaves the state of Wisconsin in a state of chaos with local health departments working to protect the community;

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WHEREAS, the purpose of the Oneida County Health Department is to protect and improve health and detect, prevent and respond to infectious disease like COVID-19. I understand the need for businesses to reopen and operate safely through the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Local Health Officer, I am obligated to protect the health of the county and will do so to the best of my ability.

WHEREAS, based on the specific circumstances in Oneida County, my investigation of COVID-19 in Oneida County, and in partnership with the “Onward Oneida County” Task Force, it has been determined that following a strategic phased approach to "re-opening" Oneida County is necessary to prevent, suppress, and control COVID-19 in Oneida County. It is recommended that citizens and businesses in Oneida County follow the recommendations for each phase of the plan and to not advance to a new stage until the local Health Officer deems it safe to do so. Each phase is incrementally less restrictive on businesses and individuals while protecting the public from COVID-19. Oneida County shall rely on Wisconsin Economic Development Cooperation, Department of Health Services, Opening America Again, and Center of Disease Control and Prevention guidance and best practices to inform the details of each phase. The transition to each Phase shall be announced by the Local Health Officer based on local metrics and collaboration and feedback with community partners;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Linda Conlon, Public Health Officer for Oneida County, present the following guidelines to Oneida County:

- A. First and foremost, active monitoring of real-time data-based metrics is critical. If metrics are not being met, mitigation strategies may be needed on a regional or local level as determined by the Local Health Officer, or an even smaller scale (municipality or business) to address an identified hotspot. Phase movement and mitigation will be based on local metrics and/or Local Health Officer discretion. Key indicators as identified in Onward Oneida County Reopening Plan are essential in monitoring real time situations. In addition, corresponding strategies for “tightening” or “loosening” when needed are found in the Onward Oneida County Reopening Plan.

Progression through the Phases. Oneida County shall assess the most up-to-date Department of Health Services state and local data to determine when it is appropriate to progress to the next Phase.

- Downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses reported within a 14- day period
- Downward trajectory of COVID-19-like syndromic cases reported in a 14-day period
- Downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period
- Treatment of all patients without crisis care
- Robust testing programs in place for at-risk healthcare workers
- Decreasing numbers of infected healthcare workers

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- Case investigations and contact tracing occurring for all COVID-19 positive cases
 - Community testing of all symptomatic individuals, individuals involved in an outbreak, and individuals living and working in congregate settings
- B. Second, Adopt the phases of the Onward Oneida County Reopening plan and place Oneida County in Phase 1, except the following sectors will be allowed to "re-open" in Phase 2 of the plan effective immediately **with proper social distancing**:**
1. Hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, day spas, tattoo parlors, tanning facilities— open with best practices*
 2. Gatherings: outdoor - 50 people maximum, indoor - with 25% capacity or 50 people whichever is fewer – see gatherings and outdoor gatherings*
 3. Bars- open with physical distancing and active monitoring of staff*
 4. Theaters, amusement parks, arcades, trampoline parks, bowling alleys and related establishments – open with 25% capacity or 50 people whichever is fewer*
 5. Pools and water attractions - open with 50% capacity*

*Phase 1, 2, and best practice guidance are found in the following locations:

- Wisconsin’s Economic Development Corporation’s website:
<https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>
- [OCHD’s webpage: Guidance for Reopening](#)
- [Attachment 1 for more detailed guidance](#)
- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

See next page for Attachment 1. Please note Attachment 1 is an excerpt from the Onward Oneida County Reopening plan and the most recent version should be viewed in that document.

Attachment 1			
ACTION	<u>Onward Oneida County: PHASE 1</u> <i>When all local criteria are met</i>	<u>Onward Oneida County: PHASE 2</u> <i>Based on re-evaluation of local criteria</i>	<u>Onward Oneida County: PHASE 3</u> <i>Based on re-evaluation of local criteria</i>
Mass Gatherings			
Gatherings, including religious/worship	Yes-10 people maximum	Yes-50 people maximum	Yes, maximum size of gatherings will be determined
Entertainment: Festivals, carnivals, fairs, concerts, parades	No	No	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and safe business practices in place
Agriculture			
Farms and other agriculture	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Commercial, industrial, residential construction	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Landscaping and lawn care	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Entertainment /Amusement			
Theaters, amusement parks, waterparks, arcades, trampolines parks, bowling alleys, and related establishments	No	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and best practices	Yes, with best practices
Swimming pools and water attractions	No	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and best practices	Yes, with best practices
Low-Risk Recreation Activities: including but not limited to tennis, pickleball, BMX, and frisbee golf	Yes-10 people maximum and best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Team and contact sports	No	No	Yes, maximum size of gatherings will be determined

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Outdoor playground equipment	Yes-10 people maximum and best practices	Yes-50 people maximum and best practices	Yes
Gyms and Fitness Centers			
Gyms and fitness facilities	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Hair and Nail Salons			
Hair and nail salons, barbershops	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Hospitality/Lodging			
Lodging, bed and breakfasts, tourist rooming houses	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Manufacturing			
Manufacturing	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Outdoor Gatherings			
Farmer's markets, outdoor educational programming, and other types of small-scale community celebrations or gatherings	Yes-10 people maximum with best practices	Yes-50 people maximum with best practices	Yes, maximum size of gatherings will be determined
Outdoor Recreation			
Guide services, equipment rental, campground operators, golf courses, and other outdoor experience operators	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Beaches	Yes, if physical distancing and protective measures requirements can be achieved	Yes, maximum size of gatherings will be determined	Yes
Youth Overnight Camps	Yes, with best practices (under development)	Yes, with best practices (under development)	Yes, with best practices (under development)
Professional Services			

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Professional services and commercial office spaces	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Public Facilities			
Community centers, libraries, visitor/info centers, zoos, museums, and other facilities that accommodate public traffic as part of their typical operations	Yes, with 25% capacity limits and safe business practices in place	Yes, with 50% capacity limits and safe business practices in place	Yes, with continuation of safe business practices in place
Restaurants			
Full service restaurants, fast food establishments, grocery stores, cafes, delis and coffee stands, food trucks, caterers and mobile food vendors	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Bars and taverns	No, but allow take-out and delivery for full menu facilities	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Senior meal sites	No	No	Yes with best practices
Retail			
Retailers that service multiple customers at once	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stores with less than 50,000 square feet of customer floor space must limit the number of people in the store, including employees, to 25% of their total occupancy limits Stores with more than 50,000 square feet of customer floor space must limit the number of customers, excluding employees, to 4 people per 1,000 square feet 	TBD	TBD
Transportation			
Trucking and rail industries	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices

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Public transportation, cabs, rideshare, charter busses	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Warehouse/Wholesale Trade			
Warehouse and wholesale suppliers	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices	Yes, with best practices
Other Businesses			
Daycares and youth day camps	Yes, with limits on capacity	Yes, with limits on capacity	Yes, with continuation of safe business practices in place
Travel	Only within home region	Only within home region	Only to places to viral hotbeds

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