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ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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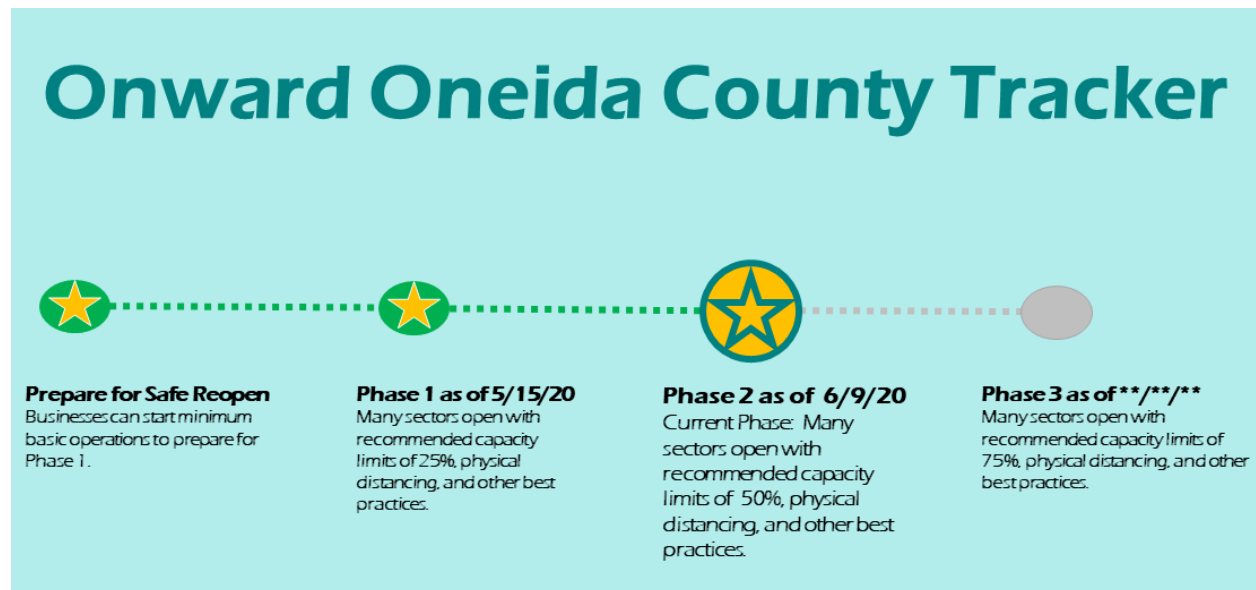
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ONEIDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH PHASE 2 GUIDANCE

June 9, 2020

WHEREAS, based on the specific circumstances in Oneida County and my investigation of COVID-19 in Oneida County, I have determined that Phase 2 Guidance is appropriate to prevent, suppress, and control COVID-19 in Oneida County.



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

- Data.** First and foremost, active monitoring of real-time data-based metrics is critical. Measures and thresholds may be modified as COVID-19 response evolves. 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.
- Phases.** Oneida County has adopted a phased approach to re-opening its economy and society, with each phase being incrementally less restrictive on businesses and individuals

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while protecting the public from COVID-19. The transition to each Phase shall be announced with local health guidance. The Phases include:

- a. **Phase 1.** Phase 1 will include mass gatherings of up to 10 people; many sectors open with recommended capacity limits of 25%, physical distancing and other best practices; etc.
 - b. **Phase 2.** Phase 2 will include mass gatherings of up to 50 people; many sectors open with recommended capacity limits of 50%; physical distancing and other best practices; etc.
 - c. **Phase 3.** Phase 3 will become even less restrictive with mass gatherings up to 250 people, many sectors open with recommended capacity limits of 75%; etc.
- 3. Progression through the Phases.** Oneida County shall assess the most up-to-date Oneida County data to determine when it is appropriate to progress to the next Phase. 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 Oneida County amid the COVID-19 pandemic plan and toolkit are essential in monitoring real time situations. In addition, corresponding strategies for “tightening” or “loosening” when needed are found in the plan and toolkit.
- 4. Follow the Onward Oneida County: Reopening Oneida County amid the COVID-19 pandemic plan and toolkit.** [OCHD’s webpage: Guidance for Reopening](#)
- 5. Safety of individuals.** All individuals should take precautions when leaving their homes to ensure their safety, the safety of the members of their household, and the safety of the public.
 - a. **All individuals.** For individual safety and the safety of the community, all individuals should:
 - i. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet between individuals who are not members of the same living unit or household, to the extent possible.
 - ii. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer;
 - iii. Not shake hands
 - iv. Cover coughs.
 - v. Frequently clean high touch surfaces and objects.
 - vi. Wear a face covering in public, in gatherings, workplaces, or where it is difficult to maintain social distancing.

vii. Follow all other public health recommendations issued by OCHD, DHS, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

b. Sick or symptomatic individuals. Individuals who are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 must take additional precautions. COVID-19 symptoms are listed on the [Department of Health Services website](#) and may include cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, and headache. Individuals with any symptom of COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to get tested. Symptomatic individuals must abide by the following:

- i. Stay home as much as possible.
- ii. Do not go to work or school.
- iii. If possible, wear a face covering if you must go out in public.
- iv. If you test positive for COVID-19, follow local health official directives regarding isolation.

c. Vulnerable individuals. Vulnerable individuals include people over 65 years of age, pregnant women, people in long-term care facilities, people with compromised or weakened immune systems, and people with serious underlying health conditions including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, serious heart conditions, liver disease, kidney disease requiring dialysis, diabetes, obesity, or asthma. To the extent possible, vulnerable individuals should continue to stay home. Members of households with vulnerable individuals should be aware that by returning to work or other public gatherings, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents.

d. Homeless individuals. Individuals experiencing homelessness are strongly urged to obtain shelter. Governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible to the maximum extent practicable and to follow the Wisconsin Department of Public Health (DHS) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on COVID-19 risk mitigation practices.

e. Unsafe homes. Individuals whose homes or residences are unsafe or become unsafe, such as victims of domestic violence, are urged to leave their home and stay at a safe alternative location.

- 6. Duration.** This guidance shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020. This guidance shall remain in effect until Oneida County Health Department moves into Phase 3.

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