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BC Resolution # 03-23-22-B Public Gatherings - Indoor and Outdoor - Safety Guidance

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation has been under a Public Health State of Emergency since March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 virus and its variants which has resulted in severe health crises including death around the world, in the United States, and within the Oneida Nation community; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has looked to the United States national health experts in the Centers for Disease Control (*CDC*) to provide guidance during the pandemic, and more recently, to the Department of Health Services regarding Wisconsin specific information on the prevalence of the virus and positive COVID-19 tests; and
- WHEREAS,** the information and guidance available to the Oneida Business Committee has changed and been updated based on the development of vaccines, immunities, treatments and health safety measures; and
- WHEREAS,** the Public Health Officer has kept the Oneida Business Committee informed on the changing guidance and the current CDC guidance which now focus on COVID-19 Community Levels, or "measures of the impact of COVID-19 in terms of hospitalizations and healthcare system strain, while accounting for transmission in the community"; and
- WHEREAS,** the new guidance provided by the CDC provides information regarding leading indicators (new COVID-19 cases) and lagging indicators (new hospital admissions and percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied) assists communities in providing guidance for public health safety utilizing low, medium and high thresholds; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee believes that ongoing monitoring of COVID-19 and its impact on the community may result in additional guidance to the community to stay safe and healthy, and members are strongly encouraged to visit the CDC website regarding COVID-19 information and guidance in order to take any necessary precautions; and
- WHEREAS,** as this pandemic changes to a more local issue, an endemic, we place our focus on keeping the community safe in the event COVID-19 transmissions increase here on the

Oneida Reservation and as we gain greater protections on this virus enabling us to return to living without constant fear of this virus;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that resolution # BC-12-08-21-B, *Updating Public Gathering Guidelines During Public Health State of Emergency – COVID-19* is superseded by this resolution.

Determination for Holding Meetings - Indoor

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee directs that when COVID-19 Community Levels are at or below low in Brown and Outagamie Counties, or the county in which the activity is being held, as identified on the Centers for Disease Control website for the most recent period, indoor meetings¹ of the Oneida Nation are feasible, provided that all organizers and participants should consider additional health safety measures when attending such as wearing a face mask, washing hands frequently, and social distancing.

Determination for Holding Meetings - Outdoor

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee directs that when COVID-19 Community Levels are at or below medium in Brown and Outagamie Counties, or the county in which the activity is being held, as identified on the Centers for Disease Control website for the most recent period, outdoor gatherings of the Oneida Nation are feasible, provided that all organizers and participants should consider additional health safety measures when attending such as wearing a face mask, washing hands frequently, and social distancing.

Individual, Business, and Indoor/Outdoor Activities Guidance

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as this pandemic proceeds, individuals, business, and event coordinators should follow the guidance set by the Centers for Disease Control as revised to meet changing pandemic impacts.

Conclusion of Resolution Directives

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, this resolution shall conclude at midnight on April 27, 2022, unless extended by the Oneida Business Committee.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 23rd day of March, 2022; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."

¹ "Indoor meetings" include any meeting between employees of different workspaces or between employees and clients not within the normal course of business operations. E.g., normal course of business operations such as retail operations, gaming operations, Health Center operations, Fitness Center operations.