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BC Resolution # 05-12-21-I Safer Re-Opening of Government Offices – COVID-19 Pandemic

- 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 Business Committee adopted amendments to the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Law to create the COVID-19 Core Decision Making Team at the beginning of the Public Health State of Emergency and delegated authority to issue declarations to protect the health and safety of members and those living within the Oneida Reservation ; and
- WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 Core Decision Making Team issued several declarations intended to protect the public health within the Oneida Reservation and updated those declarations from time to time as the U.S. Center for Disease Control, the medical community and the scientific community were able to update and identify the impacts and transmission of the COVID-19 virus; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation Public Health State of Emergency declared on March 12, 2020 has been extended and currently remains in effect through May 12, 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** the Emergency Management Law has been adopted, which supersedes the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Law, which continues the authorization of the Oneida Business Committee to “modify, extend, or repeal any declaration or emergency action taken by the Emergency Core Decision Making Team,” *section 302.9-6*; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has determined that the *Safe Re-Opening of Governmental Offices*, issued July 17, 2020 by the COVID-19 Core Decision Making Team should be updated to reflect the current status and understanding of the pandemic and vaccinations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oneida Business Committee adopts this *Safer Re-Opening of Government Offices* for immediate implementation and lasting until the conclusion of the Public Health State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic in accordance with section 302.9-6 of the Emergency Management Law superseding any prior Declaration that conflicts with this policy, specifically

superseding the Safe Re-Opening of Government Offices Declaration issued by the COVID-19 Core Decision Making Team.

1. Sanitization. Employee and public areas require ongoing sanitization during the day as it is accessed and daily as it is used as recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.
2. Notice of Re-Opening of Offices/Building. The Department of Public Works Division Director and Building Manager of the building shall be notified by the program manager or business unit manager that he or she intends to re-open the office or building to the public. The notice shall provide an estimate of the number of employees and public that will be in and/or accessing the office and/or building daily and the time including the days of the week that the office or building will be accessible. The program manager or business unit manager shall request the Division Director to identify when appropriate staffing can be scheduled to allow the building to be cleaned.
3. Employee Offices. Employee offices, cubicles, workspaces shall be maintained in a clean and clutter free manner to assist in sanitization and cleaning. Personal items on shelves, cabinets, bookshelves should be removed or boxed up. Papers should be filed or placed within drawers at the end of the workday, desktops should be clean of all items except phones and computers. Provided that, in offices where no employees or public enter offices, a sign may be placed on the door that the employee will clean their own offices.
4. Employee and Public Social Distancing. No business unit may re-open a building where the social distancing requirements cannot be maintained by both personnel and public.
5. Signage. All public access points, entrances to business units, and in prominent places within the building shall have signage which identifies masking requirements, social distancing, and whether the area is limited to employees only.
 - a. Public access points shall have prominently displayed notice that face masks are required inside the building and that failure to wear face masks will result in the individual being asked to leave the facility.
 - b. Internal signage will remind all parties that face masks are required in public areas and hallways, as requested within offices and cubicles, and in breakrooms. Internal signage may designate where public areas end and employees only areas begin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the organization shall make all attempts to safely re-open to the public and in accordance with U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Public Health Officer shall provide assistance to ensure safe re-opening of buildings, offices, programs and services subject to the needs of maintain public health and safety during the Public Health State of Emergency.

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; 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 12th day of May, 2021; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for, 0 members against, and 1 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."