



ONEIDA COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States due to the 2019- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020 and through subsequent renewals, New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo declared a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 and through subsequent renewals, Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr. declared a State of Emergency in the County of Oneida due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, both travel related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and Oneida County; and

WHEREAS, new information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic (without symptoms) and those who are pre-symptomatic (before symptoms develop) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the CDC further advises that COVID-19 can spread between people through speaking, coughing, or sneezing, even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms; and

WHEREAS, in light of the new evidence, the CDC recommends wearing face-coverings in public settings to reduce community-based transmission; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2020, Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York did order, pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.17, that any individual who is over age two and able to medically tolerate a face-covering shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face-covering when in a public place and unable to maintain, or when not maintaining, social distance; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Director of Public Health, pursuant to Public Health Law §324(1)(e), is charged with enforcing the Public Health Law and the New York State and Oneida County Sanitary Codes, and, as such, shall take any steps she deems necessary to reduce morbidity and mortality in Oneida County (Public Health Law §2.6 (a)(8));

NOW THEREFORE, in the interest of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the people of Oneida County and the State of New York, and to implement and enforce Executive Order 202.17 in Oneida County, Anthony J. Picente, Jr., the Oneida County Executive promulgates the following to reduce community-based transmission of COVID-19 within Oneida County;

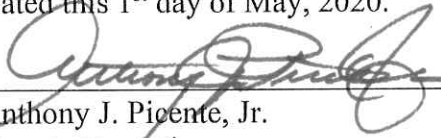
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, any individual who is over age two (2) and able to medically tolerate a face-covering shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face-covering when in a public place and unable to maintain, or when not maintaining, social distance; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, this Order shall apply to all facilities and retail establishments in Oneida County, including those where the public gathers outside or waits in line; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, all facilities in Oneida County shall advise patrons that the use of mask or cloth face-covering is required.

Willful violations of this Public Health Order may result in civil penalties pursuant to Public Health Law §12-b.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2020.



Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive



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