



# ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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"PROMOTING & PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF ONEIDA COUNTY"

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## TEMPORARY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, then 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), which was subsequently renewed by now Secretary Xavier Becerra; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2020, pursuant to 10 NYCRR Section 2.1(a), the Commissioner of Health of the State of New York designated COVID-19 as a communicable disease under the State Sanitary Code; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 remains a significant health and safety concern in Oneida County with escalating numbers of contracted cases, hospitalizations and COVID-19 related deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, additional measures of protection in indoor settings must be initiated to avoid further negative impacts to public health and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time the current COVID-19 vaccines are effective at helping to reduce the risk of getting and spreading the infection as well as diminishing the likelihood of getting seriously ill; and

**WHEREAS**, these temporary measures provide an alternative to more stringent public health mandates such as business closures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Director of 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 he deems necessary to reduce morbidity and mortality in Oneida County (10 NYCRR §2.6(a)(8));

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in the interest of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the people of Oneida County, the Oneida County Executive and Director of Health promulgate the following to reduce community-based transmission of COVID-19 within Oneida County;

#### ADMINISTRATION

ADIRONDACK BANK BLDG., 5<sup>TH</sup> FL.,  
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#### SPECIAL CHILDREN SERVICES

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185 GENESEE ST. UTICA, NY 13501  
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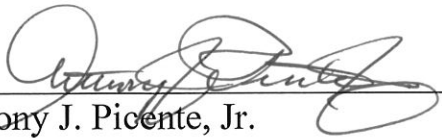
#### CLINICAL SERVICES


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**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 13, 2021 at 7:00 a.m.:**

- 1.) Any individual who is over the age of 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 indoors at a public place; and
- 2.) Masks are not required to be worn while an individual is eating or drinking in a public place; and
- 3.) For all indoor social gatherings not held in a private residence, attendees will not be required to wear masks so long as the facility performs temperature checks on all individuals upon entrance and each attendee is verified to be fever free (100.3°F or below) and otherwise non-COVID-19 symptomatic; and
- 4.) For any venue subject to the mask and/or temperature mandates in paragraphs two (2) and three (3) above, the venue may instead choose to admit only those individuals who are fully vaccinated and shall verify proof of same prior to allowing admittance. Each attendee shall present their COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or the Excelsior Pass for inspection by the venue.
- 5.) Any person who violates this Temporary Public Health Order may be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,000.00 for each violation pursuant to Public Health law §12.

Dated this 9th day of December 2021.

  
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