

ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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To protect, nurture, and advance the health of our community

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ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO HODAG COUNTRY FEST LARGE ASSEMBLY PERMIT

The permit for the Hodag Country Festival was issued by the Public Safety Committee at their meeting on 5/26/2020. At that meeting the Oneida County Health Department provided information regarding COVID-19 and guidance from the Onward Oneida County Committee, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the CDC regarding large assemblies and what precautions should be taken at this time with regard to public gatherings.

After reviewing and discussing the guidance that was provided, the Public Safety Committee made the decision to issue the large assembly permit.

I have no independent authority as the Health Officer of Oneida County to stop the Hodag Country Festival. I would like the public to know that it was not a decision of the Oneida County Health Department to issue the large assembly permit for the Hodag Country Festival.

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