



# The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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## *A message from President Matthew B. Pagels*



**Gagwe:gö sgë:nö', agajëgwah  
gagwe:göh jöhiyoa:je',**

I hope everyone was able to get out and enjoy the Seneca Fall Festival. It felt good to be able to walk around and see people for a brief conversation. We asked everyone to mask up, sanitize and social distance to keep the spread of COVID down. As you can see from our numbers we continue to see our positive cases rise on both Territories. It is going to take each and everyone to do their part in slowing down

the progression of this virus.

Although we are seeing breakthrough cases of those who have been vaccinated, symptoms should be milder. The CDC and other health organizations predicted that break through cases would still occur and be spread the same way. This is why it is as important to continue to follow COVID – 19 protocol to protect you and your family. The best defense against the virus is to get your COVID vaccine.



Allegany and Cattaraugus Fire halls from 1pm -5pm Testing helps keep the community informed of their health status and helps to keep the virus isolated when infected. If you are tested you must remain in quarantine until you receive your results. We will also have a PPE distribution on Thursday, September 30th at the CCC and ACC.

I'd like to share a few sentiments I gave during the recent 911 remembrance at Iroquois Post 1587. "For those who are old enough to remember this day, will always remember where we were when we first heard about what was happening.

**Make sure to check out the UPDATED COVID-19 Response Hub:**

**<https://covid19.snigis.org>**

The COVID-19 Response Hub has been updated with a new look for better viewing on mobile devices and computers. It has the latest on testing events and statistics, as well as video PSAs and other important information.

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The images are ingrained in our minds and forever stamped on our national consciousness.” We will understand that our world changed forever on this day. We will remember the fireman, police officers and first responders who unselfishly

ran into burning buildings to help save others. Tragically, many lost their own lives. We are thankful to our brave Native warriors who answered the call to serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and other dangerous locations around the world. They have fought for our freedom on a national level and for our Indigenous communities. We remember and honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We are grateful.

Lastly, on September 17th we recognized Ogwe'o:weh Day. This is a day we celebrate and reflect on the contributions our ancestors have made to the fabric of the

United States. Our vibrant culture, our people and our perseverance through many endless challenges deserve recognition and respect. We set this day aside to celebrate and reflect on our ancestors sacrifices, we should do this every day. We all will be ancestors someday, let’s continue to make selfless decisions, continue to preserve our sovereignty and keep our world safe.

Let’s continue to stay safe, and stay strong,  
Dah ne’ho dih ae’,

**Matt**



*"COVID19 numbers are up again in the Nation, with 50 active cases. "We're continuing down a troubling path as a nation, and it's going to take everyone to reverse this trend. First and foremost, if you haven't, please get your Covid vaccine." - President Pagels.*

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



**Greetings,**

I see the leaves are beginning to change color, our days are gradually getting a little shorter and the evenings are cooler. If you attended the Fall Festival on Cattaraugus Territory, I hope you enjoyed seeing old friends and were able to catch the Smoke Dance Contest at the Sachems field. I hear the dancers really enjoyed dancing outdoors!

The Salamanca Warriors Varsity Football has had some very exciting wins, recently.

Their game against Southwestern had a scoreless first half; and in the final push, a young Seneca athlete and backup quarterback, Maddox Isaac, stepped up and answered the call! He threw the winning pass with thirteen seconds left on the clock, for a 14-13 win. Maddox, a ninth grade freshman, had to fill in for Hayden Hoag, who had gone down with a knee injury. In their next game, against Allegany-Limestone, Maddox was able to read the field, found open receivers and threw three touchdown passes for 201 yards. Way to step up Maddox - great athletic ability! It's always exciting to see our own rise to the top.

I'd also like to send out a big congratulations to the Marksmen for their win in the 2021 Interstate Box Lacrosse Association National

Championship, held in Lakeland, Florida. They had an undefeated season and went on to win the championship, with the "cream of the crop" playing together. It's always so good to hear about our Seneca lacrosse champs!

As anticipated, the FY 2022 Budget was approved at the September 18th, Council Meeting, in Allegany. We have a roster of employees from various departments whom will be recalled to begin working, effective October 4th, 2021. In addition to approving the budget, Council approved resolutions which created charters to change Seneca Gaming & Entertainment and our Seneca One Stops from nation departments to limited liability corporations (LLC). Our Fiscal Department has been assisting the finance team at the Seneca Nation Housing Authority transition into a department of the nation, effective October 1st, 2021. These are some of the major projects which our Fiscal staff has been busy with, the past several months. Couple those with pushing out additional member benefits from federal ARPA funds and several other demanding projects. I'd like once again commend all of our Fiscal staff for continually performing their duties with accuracy, integrity, and timeliness. Keep up the great work!

Our communities continue to have an increase in cases of COVID-19. I can't stress it enough how important it is that we remain vigilant and keep our guard up. Please, if you are presently not vaccinated, consider getting your COVID-19 immunization shot(s) as soon as humanly possible.

Respectfully,  
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.





**Please Continue to stay Safe & Healthy**  
The Clerk’s Office continues to monitor the current pandemic & practice safety measures that protect the Clerk’s Office staff and Community as a whole, please watch for changes. Nya:wëh!

**CLERK’S OFFICE UPDATE –**

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED UPON ENTRY TO ALL SENECA NATION BUILDINGS**

The Clerk’s Office on the Cattaraugus Territory has re-opened our doors with safety protocols in place. Masks are required at all times and you must social distance while in the Building. The Clerk’s Office on the Allegany Territory will be opening soon, we will remain open with a walk-up window for limited services. Our hours are Monday through Friday; 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. We encourage members to bring their own pen if needed, as a safety precaution.

**Please have your SNI Enrollment # ready when you are visiting or calling the Clerk’s Office.**

**We are happy to announce the Allegany & Cattaraugus Clerk’s Office are now accepting Credit/Debit Card as a form of payment for Id’s, utility bills, business & fishing licenses, etc.**

**ANNUITY CLOTH**

ANNUITY CLOTH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ANYTIME IN BOTH ALLEGANY & CATTARAUGUS CLERK’S OFFICES.

**William Seneca Building – Cattaraugus Territory – (716) 532-4900 ext. 5000**

**Cattaraugus Clerk’s Office Staff**

Marta Kettle – Clerk  
Geraldine Huff, Executive Assistant (Notary Public)  
Kelly Mohawk, Deeds Recorder  
Leslie Cooke, Executive Secretary (Notary Public)  
Tammi Stafford, Administrative Assistant (Notary Public)  
Ashley Warrior, Administrative Assistant  
Lori Waterman, Administrative Assistant / Receptionist  
Dana Maybee, Business Permit Officer

**Seneca Allegany Administration Building - Allegany Territory – (716) 945-1790 ext. 3000**

**Allegany Clerk’s Office Staff**

Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk (Notary Public)  
Charisse Ground, Executive Secretary  
Sue Case, Enrollment Officer  
Leslie R. John, Enrollment Assistant

Kathleen “Yomie” Hill, Administrative Assistant  
Lexus McClune, Administrative Assistant  
Olivia Sanford, Receptionist

**The Buffalo Office Staff & Location - (716) 845-6304 or (716) 951-7555**

**Buffalo Office works in Conjunction with the Clerk’s Office**

Ramona Marion – Director  
Stephanie Maybee – Administrative Assistant  
Judson Logan - Tutor

533 Amherst Street  
Buffalo, NY 14207  
Monday-Friday: 8am-4:30pm

## NOTICE

### IN-PERSON REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

Please get your **Annual In-Person Registration** completed before December 31, 2021, if you are unsure of your current registration status please contact the Clerk’s Office.

**CLERK’S OFFICE FORMS**

Completed forms can be mailed along with a copy of your photo identification as proof of identify if you are unable to obtain a notary to: Seneca Nation of Indians, 90 Ohi:yo’ Way, Salamanca NY 14779.

All forms are available online at [www.sni.org](http://www.sni.org) under Clerk’s Office documents.

- **ADDRESSES**  
Please remember to keep your address current with the Clerk’s Office. This includes changes with custody of minor children or legal guardians (Court orders).

- **BURIAL FUND**  
A Burial fund has been designated to pay for funeral expenses up to \$7000 for enrolled members. For additional details, please contact the Clerk’s Office during regular business hours.

- **DIRECT DEPOSIT OF ANNUITY AND/OR ELDERS PAYMENTS**  
If you would like to sign up for Direct Deposit of your Annuity and/or Elders Check, you will have to complete the form. The form is available on the web at [www.sni.org](http://www.sni.org) under Documents/Clerk’s Office / Direct Deposit forms or at the Clerk’s Office.

- All direct deposit forms MUST have attached a voided check or deposit slip (start-up checks will NOT be accepted).
- Members must be at least 18 years old to sign up for Direct Deposit
- Minors are NOT eligible for Direct Deposit

If you receive direct deposit, it is your responsibility to keep your address updated with the Clerk’s Office.

- **RELEASE OF MINORS TRUST FUND**  
In order to begin receiving Minor Trust Fund disbursements. A member must be at least 18 years old and submit the following documentation:
  - Application for Release of Minors Trust
  - High School Diploma / GED
  - Financial Literacy Certificate (<http://seneca.cm3solutions>).



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If you need to obtain a Financial Literacy Certificate please contact the Seneca Nation Education Department for details. Contact Info: Allegany Territory - Seneca Nation Education Department (716) 945-1790, [traci.pacini@sni.org](mailto:traci.pacini@sni.org); Cattaraugus Territory - Seneca Nation Education Department (716) 532-3341, [barbara.weston@sni.org](mailto:barbara.weston@sni.org).

**Seeking Invocators**

The Seneca Nation Clerks Office is seeking Individuals interested in Invocating/Opening with Gano:nyok for Council each month. Anyone interested for Allegany may contact Charisse Ground at [Charisse.ground@sni.org](mailto:Charisse.ground@sni.org), 716-945-1790 ext. 3036 and for Cattaraugus you may contact Leslie Cooke at [Leslie.cooke@sni.org](mailto:Leslie.cooke@sni.org), 716-532-4900, ext. 5038.

**Seeking Non-Profit Organizations**

The Seneca Nation Clerk’s Office is seeking Non-Profit Organizations to serve refreshments and or dinner during Council each month. Any Organization interested for Allegany may contact Charisse Ground at [Charisse.ground@sni.org](mailto:Charisse.ground@sni.org), 716-945-1790 ext. 3036 and for Cattaraugus you may contact Leslie Cooke at [Leslie.cooke@sni.org](mailto:Leslie.cooke@sni.org), 716-532-4900, ext. 5038 to request a form. Forms are also available at the Clerk’s Office. Any questions or can be directed to Charisse Ground or Leslie Cooke.

We would like to say Nya:wëh for your patience and understanding during this time and please watch for updates as this may change unexpectedly. Any changes will be posted online.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

*The Seneca Nation of Indians is currently accepting letters of intent for those interested in serving on the:*

**Seneca - Iroquois National Museum Board of Trustees (5 Vacancies)**

- Qualifications:**
- Trustees shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and shall have obtained at least a high-school diploma.
  - Employees of the Museum shall not serve on the Board
  - Full term of office shall be four (4) years, unless fulfilling the term of a former Trustee.
  - Trustees shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms

If interested, please submit a letter of intent to the Nation’s Clerk no later than October 29, 2021  
Mail To:

Seneca Nation of Indians Clerk’s Office  
Attention: Marta L. Kettle, Clerk  
12837 Rte. 438  
Irving, NY 14081



**Welcome our recent enrollments to the Seneca Nation!**

*Due to Covid-19, the in person requirement for enrollment has been temporarily suspended, therefore we are asking parents who recently have or will be having their child(ren) enrolled and wishes to have their child(s) pictures included in future editions of the SN Newsletter, please email a picture to: [Kathleen.Hill@sni.org](mailto:Kathleen.Hill@sni.org) or [Bjohnson@sni.org](mailto:Bjohnson@sni.org)*

**Tyra Julisa Rose General (Bear Clan)**  
*Daughter of Jordon Williams & Walter General*  
Enrollment Date: August 14, 2021



**Weston Cole Haugh (Snipe Clan)**  
*Son of Tonja & Jason Haugh*  
Enrollment Date: August 14, 2021



**Jocelyn McKenzie Johnson (Hawk Clan)**  
*Daughter of Kerstine Shinnars & Jordan Johnson*  
Enrollment Date: August 14, 2021



**Legacy Avelina Moses (Turtle Clan)**  
*Daughter of Stephanie Maybee & Joshua Moses*  
Enrollment Date: August 14, 2021



**Luke James Peterson (Turtle Clan)**  
*Son of Brittany & Michael Peterson*  
Enrollment Date: August 14, 2021



**Denim Machai Thomas (Turtle Clan)**  
*Son of Kartina Maxwell & Desean Thomas, Sr.*  
Enrollment Date: August 14, 2021





PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO SECTION IV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SENECA NATION, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BIENNIAL JUDICIAL ELECTION OF THE SENECA NATION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

PEACEMAKER JUDGES	2-Vacancies Allegany/Oil Spring Territory 2-Vacancies Cattaraugus Territory
SURROGATE JUDGES	1-Vacancy Allegany/Oil Spring Territory 1-Vacancy Cattaraugus Territory
COURT OF APPEALS	1-Vacancy Allegany/Oil Spring Territory 2-Vacancies Cattaraugus Territory

Voting shall take place on the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories. Polls shall be open from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm on this date.

Pursuant to Section X of the Constitution of the Seneca Nation, every member of the age of twenty-one (21) years and upwards, who shall not have been convicted of a felony, shall be competent to vote at all elections and shall be eligible for any office.

Pursuant to Section I of the Constitution of the Seneca Nation, *on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day preceding the biennial election, all candidates shall file with the Clerk of the Nation their name and office, and no further candidate shall be allowed to file for office after the 15<sup>th</sup> day preceding the biennial election.* Therefore, all Candidates must file with the Clerk at the William Seneca Administration Building, Cattaraugus Territory, no later than 12:00 midnight on Monday, October 18, 2021.

Marta L. Kettle, Clerk  
Seneca Nation

September 2021

Request for Proposals:  
Seneca Nation Beach

The Seneca Nation of Indians is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or companies to assume management of the Seneca Nation Beach recreational area, with the potential to design, develop, construct and operate proposed Facilities at that site.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a letter of interest, statement of qualifications, rate for management services, and proposal for future development. Proposals are due to the Seneca Nation of Indians on or before September 15, 2021. The Nation plans to schedule interviews in October and select the successful candidate, if any, by October 31, 2021. A copy of the RFP is available by calling the Office of the President at 716-532-4900, or on the Nation’s website at [www.sni.org](http://www.sni.org).

The Seneca Nation desires to enter into an agreement with the selected candidate. Applicants should be experienced in managing recreational areas, as well as be prepared to provide a detailed proposal for the design, construction and management of the proposed Facilities, including a financial analysis supporting the long-term economic viability to the Seneca Nation.

**Proposals should be submitted to:**  
**Office of the President**  
**Seneca Nation of Indians**  
**12837 Route 438**  
**Irving, New York 14081**

Seneca Holdings, LLC  
Management  
Committee

Seneca Nation of Indians  
Request for Qualifications



The Seneca Nation of Indians is seeking interested individuals to submit their qualifications to serve as a member of the Management Committee of Seneca Holdings, LLC. The company’s Management Committee currently has **one** seat up for appointment.

- Pursuant to the Charter adopted by the Nation's Council, every Management Committee member shall meet the following minimum qualifications:
- must be at least 21 years of age
  - must have earned at least a high school diploma or equivalent
  - have not been convicted of a felony, or other crime involving dishonesty, fraud, or otherwise involves a financial component (including, but not limited to, embezzlement or theft)
  - provide information and submit to such background checks as necessary to ensure continued compliance with Federal disadvantaged business certification(s), security clearances and/or licenses as are from time to time held by

the Company or its respective subsidiaries or management as part of its ongoing business operations.

Pursuant to the Charter adopted by the Nation’s Council, the Council shall appoint at least one (1) board member who shall (i) possess a Master of Business Administration or Juris Doctorate Degree, or (ii) be a Certified Public Accountant and at least one (1) board member who has a minimum of ten (10) years of relevant experience at a senior management level, in a company with a primary focus in contracting with the Federal Government.

**Interested individuals are invited to submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Nation's Clerk.** The Council plans to schedule interviews once Seneca Holdings, LLC has completed its background check and both Seneca Holdings, LLC and the Nation's Clerk have certified that the individual is an eligible candidate for the Management Committee position. As such, candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their materials to the Nation's Clerk as soon as possible, in order to provide sufficient time for the background check and certification process to occur.

**Submit letters & resumes to the following address no later than, October 29, 2021 to:**

Seneca Nation of Indians’ Clerks Office  
Attention: Marta L. Kettle, Clerk  
12837 Route 438  
Irving, NY 14081



## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### SENECA NATION TRAILS COMMISSION

2- Cattaraugus Territory Community Members  
(This is a non-paid voluntary committee and will meet outside of standard business hours)

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Trails Commission is to establish a formal mechanism for coordination and implementation of trail planning and development throughout the Seneca Nation. Trails of all types will be addressed including hiking, biking, ATV, snowmobile and waterway trails.  
Coordinated by the Seneca Nation Community Planning and Development Department and Department of Transportation

**Qualifications:**

Must be a current resident of either the Cattaraugus or Allegany Territory

If interested, please submit your letter of intent no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 1, 2021.  
Mail To:

Seneca Nation of Indians Clerk’s Office  
Attention: Marta L. Kettle, Clerk  
12837 Rte. 438  
Irving, NY 14081

## IN THE NEWS

### President Matthew B. Pagels reaches #5 on Western New York's Power 100

*The movers and shakers in Buffalo, Rochester and the surrounding region.*

**Matthew Pagels  
President, Seneca Nation of Indians**

When Matthew Pagels won election to the presidency of the Seneca Nation of Indians last year, he became an integral part of its work toward a new casino compact with the state just as it reached a critical juncture. With the current agreement expiring in 2023, Pagels will need to negotiate with state officials on a compromise to keep the Seneca’s casinos, which have brought in more than \$1.5 billion over the past two decades, running smoothly.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

*The Seneca Nation is seeking enrolled members of the Nation who are interested in serving on the:*

### SENECA NATION DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Committee is to provide enrolled members of the Seneca Nation with useful tools whereby a Nation member with a disability can gain and maximize his or her independence, competencies, productivity and ability to learn in all life settings, particularly in a setting with non-disabled peers.

**ELIGIBILITY**

**An individual shall be eligible to serve as a committee member if the individual satisfies the following criteria:**

- A. An enrolled Nation member, including:
  - 1) Individuals with disabilities;
  - 2) Parents, spouse or guardians with disabilities; or
  - 3) Representatives of public and private agencies providing services to individuals with disabilities
- B. Has earned a high school diploma or equivalent; and
- C. Has not been convicted of any felony

If interested, please submit a letter of intent & current resume/ qualifications to the address listed below no later than: September 30, 2021 to:

Seneca Nation of Indians Clerk’s Office  
Attention: Marta L. Kettle, Clerk  
12837 Route 438  
Irving, New York 14081

## REMINDER from Emergency Management

*Submitted by Dawn Stevens*

The Seneca Nation Emergency Management Department’s mass notification messaging service called Regroup is intended to provide SN Employees and Community Members with broadcast services in the event of emergencies, closings, delays, and health/safety messages. This service allows fast and reliable communications via mobile devices, landlines & email.



**If you are interested in being placed on the call list, or if your contact information has changed, please contact the Emergency Management Office to update your profile.**

We are available:  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm  
(716) 532-8178 (Cattaraugus)  
dawn.stevens@sni.org



**Reverse Call Back Number: 1-716-351-3013**  
(This number will allow those users that missed the call, to call this number and hear the last message that was sent out. Please save this number to your contacts.)

All Call Lists are confidential and will be solely used for the intended purpose.



# COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing

Submitted by Dawn Stevens, Emergency Management

The Seneca Nation still is offering COVID-19 diagnostic testing to individuals and employees of the Seneca Nation. Testing is open to anyone who would like to be tested. You DO NOT need to have COVID-19 like symptoms to be tested.

**Location:**

**Seneca Fire** - Allegany Territory, 8184 E. Loop Rd., Jimtown (Salamanca), NY

**Seneca Fire** - Cattaraugus Territory, 12879 Rte. 438, Irving, NY

**When:** Testing is by request to set a date and time

**How:** Call Emergency Management at (716) 532-8178 (business hours) or (716) 244-0820 (after hours) or Seneca EMS at (716) 532-8550 (business hours) or (716) 574-2007 (after hours)

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. You must register for a test.**

Those without registration completed will not be accommodated at the test site and cannot be tested!

**How to Register for COVID-19 Testing:**

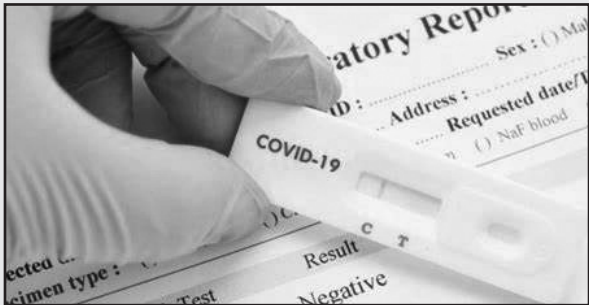
- Register online at [Bluestonesafe.com](https://bluestonesafe.com)
- Client code: senecagov and User code: 3030
- You must register prior to the testing date
- Please bring your phone with you to the testing site to access your registration link

**What to Expect on the Day of your Test:**

- DO NOT eat or drink anything one hour prior to the testing
- Please arrive no more than 5 minutes prior to your scheduled time

- Please remain in your vehicle and follow the directions of staff at the testing site
- Testing is conducted while you are in your vehicle
- Testing is conducted via saliva sample and only takes a few minutes to complete
- You can expect the results of your test in 2-3 days; by text message, email or phone call
- You should self isolate after testing until results comeback negative, to resume normal activity

*Note: This saliva sample PCR test will determine if someone is currently infected with the COVID-19 virus.*



# COVID-19 Delta Variant: What Community Members Need to Know

Submitted by Dawn Stevens, Emergency Management

COVID-19 cases are rising in some tribal communities due to the new strain of the virus called the Delta variant. This fact sheet summarizes what you need to know to stay safe from Delta:

- The Delta variant spreads much more easily and quickly than previous strains of the virus.
- Unvaccinated people are at high risk of getting sick from Delta.
- People who have been fully vaccinated are well protected against severe disease from Delta.
- Delta is just one strain of COVID-19. The virus will continue to change and make new strains as it spreads from person to person.
- Vaccines are highly effective against all known strains of the virus. Get vaccinated today to protect yourself, your family, and your community against new strains of COVID-19.

**How contagious is the Delta variant?**

The Delta variant is much more contagious and spreads much faster than earlier

strains of the virus. The Delta variant has spread rapidly in the US. In June, Delta was responsible for just 10% of all cases of COVID-19 in the US. That number jumped to 50% in July. Increasing rates of infection show that Delta is highly contagious.

**How effective are vaccines against the Delta variant?**

All 3 available vaccines are highly effective against the Delta variant. Recent studies have shown all 3 vaccines provide significant protection against illness, hospitalization, and death from Delta. Vaccination is the best way to protect you and your family from Delta.

**Am I at risk of getting sick from the Delta variant?**

People who have not been vaccinated are at very high risk of getting sick from Delta. Fully vaccinated people are at very low risk of getting sick from Delta. Masks help prevent the spread of variants. People who are not fully vaccinated should wear a mask in indoor public places and crowded



outdoor settings.

**What is the Delta Plus variant and should I be concerned?**

The Delta Plus variant is a new strain of COVID-19 that was first discovered in April. It is unknown whether it is more contagious than the previous Delta variant. The best way to protect yourself against all strains is to get vaccinated.

Source: Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health & CDC, July 12, 2021







# Training and Employment Resource Center updates

Submitted by Tari Squires, TERC

Need your high school diploma? Come to the Training and Employment Resource Center at 3764 Administration Drive, Salamanca. Seating is limited to the first 10 participants. The test dates are as follows: **October 13 & 14 in Olean, November 3 & 4 in Ellicottville, December 15 & 16 in Olean. The time is 3-8pm.**

Call (716) 945-8120 and ask for Tari to set up a time to come in and fill out the application and reserve your seat.

Training and Employment Resource Center

## Career Readiness Workshops

SEPT 14	Customer Service 10 am to 11 am
SEPT 16	Customer Service 2pm-3 pm
SEPT 21	Assertive vs. Aggressive Behavior 10am-11am
SEPT 23	Assertive vs. Aggressive Behavior 2 pm-3pm
SEPT 28	Working with Difficult People 10 am -11 am

3674 Administration Dr. 716-945-8120

## 2021 Career Readiness Workshops

Oct 05	Conflict Resolution 10-11 am How we work together	
	Conflict Resolution 2-3 pm How we work together	Oct 07
Oct 12	Appearance & Attire 10-11 am Dress for success	
	Appearance & Attire 2-3 pm Dress for success	Oct 14
Oct 19	My Ideal Job 10-11 am workplace motivation	
	My Ideal Job 2-3 pm Workplace motivation	Oct 21

Training and Employment Resource Center  
3674 Administration DR. 716-945-8120

TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (TERC)

Career Readiness Workplace Safety

# Fall 2021 - 2022 Y.E.S. Program

Youth Employment Services

Career Exploration Financial Literacy

After-school employment for 10 hrs. per week for in-school youth ages 14 - 18 (9th - 12th grade)

Must have current working card:  
14-15 y.o. - green card  
16-17 y.o. - blue card  
See your high school office

Fall Program runs:  
Oct. 2021 - Jan. 2022

## Cook given Blue Star Banner

On Saturday 9/11/21 at the Iroquois Post #1587, Marlene Cook was given The Blue Star Service banner.

The star represents a loved one, family member serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.



## Gakwi:yo:h Farms Market & Mobile Market

FARM HOUSE MARKET OPENS  
TUESDAY, JULY 20TH  
HOURS: TUES & WEDS 1- 6 PM

Products available at Markets:

- Fresh Produce
- Frozen Bison
- Maple
- Corn Products
- Honey
- Canoe Women Elderberry Elixir
- Sweet Grass Braids

Farm House Market location:  
13594 Taylor Hollow Rd  
Collins, NY 14034

We accept:  
Cash, Card, and Veggie Bucks

Mobile Market opens on  
Thursday, July 22nd

Mobile Market Hours  
Thursday's at Salamanca One Stop  
Parking Lot 11-1pm

For more Info Call LeRoy (716)244-0493



# Seneca Training Center holds Graduation Ceremony

Photos by Seneca Media

On September 10th, the SNI Training & Employment Resource Center held a graduation ceremony for the Construction Technology Program students. Congratulatory remarks were given by President Matthew Pagels, Treasurer Rickey Armstrong and Councilor Tina Abrams. The graduates are now certified in various trade operations and basic construction.

List of Graduates:

Zavier Botsford  
Waylon Jones  
Elyse Logan  
Danielle Williams

Ja:goh  
Graduates!



SN Disability Services

**SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE**

**\*Allegany Territory\***

ALLEGANY RESIDENTS CAN NOW CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR A PHONE CONFERENCE FOR NEW CLAIMS, APPEALS, RETIREMENT & ALL OTHER BUSINESS

A SSI Rep. will be available on the following dates:

**OCTOBER 20, 2021**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 2021**  
From  
**9:00AM - 3:00 PM**

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Social Security Administration is still closed to the public. The appointments will be through phone conference ONLY until such time it is safe to open back up to the public. Please feel free to contact our office for details.



Phone: 716-532-4900, ext. 5152  
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# Every Child Matters Exhibition to open at Sully Huff Heritage Center

By Tami Watt, Editor

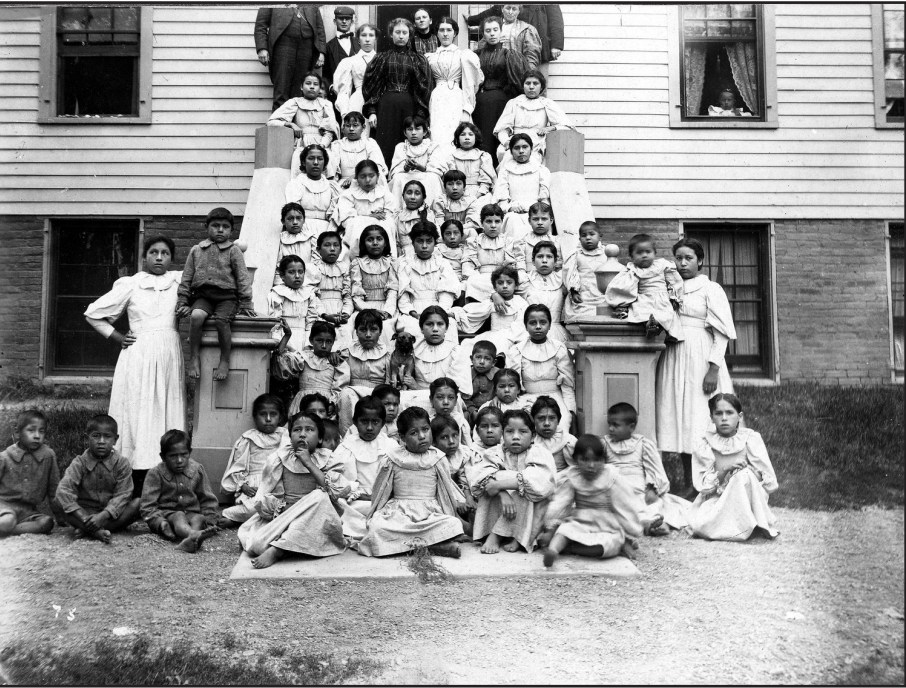
In the wake of the 215 unmarked graves discovered at the Kamloops Residential School in BC, Canada local artist Hayden Haynes was inspired to carve earrings from deer antler to pay homage to the children that never made it home.

Producing the earrings prompted a photo shoot in an effort to raise awareness about the Thomas Indian School, the Indian Boarding School on Seneca Territory that operated from 1855 to 1956 under the federal policy of forced assimilation. Haynes partnered with Jocelyn Jones on the shoot having her model the earrings at one of the former Thomas Indian School structures. Haynes wanted to be able to tell a slight portion of the history to share information with community residents that are unaware.

After posting the photos to social media, multiple individuals across Turtle Island reached out to Haynes with ideas to spread awareness further. He decided to build off the photos and initiated the traveling exhibition “Every Child Matters” in hopes to continue to educate our community with history, visuals and art from Indigenous community members and academics.

Haynes wants to tell our story from our perspective through Hodinöshö:ni academics and artists who are also community members and relatives of victims and survivors. His main priority is to educate our community with our own voices to tell our own stories. “This project was put together by the minds and hands of Hodinöshö:ni people so it’s a way to reclaim that narrative sovereignty- which they are fully capable of doing. That’s why it’s important for the exhibition to travel so we can continue to perpetuate our own narratives, shares Haynes.”

The William Seneca Building and many Seneca Nation structures now occupy the former boarding school site on the Cattaraugus Territory.



The Thomas Indian School. Courtesy of the Iroquois Genealogy Society.

Please visit the Iroquois Genealogy website for student rosters and more information on Seneca students in boarding schools.

<https://www.iroquoisgenealogysociety.org/archive-school-records>

The Seneca Nation Judicial branch currently occupies the former infirmary building. Most structures are condemned but still standing around Seneca Nation facilities in Irving, NY.

Dr. Lori Quigley (Seneca), Dr. Alyssa Mt. Pleasant (Tuscarora), Dr. Rodney Haring (Seneca) and Dr. Randy John (Seneca) will contribute their academic and research skills as the writing team for the background and history of the Thomas Indian School for the exhibition.

Seneca artists Luanne Redeye, Randee Spruce and Tami Watt have produced artistic expressions to help tell our story as well.

Not only have academics and artists contributed to the project but the Hodinöshö:ni community has shown their full support. Haynes would like to extend gratitude to Mike General, President Matthew Pagels, Treasurer Ricky Armstrong, Seneca Nation Council and all the donations that have been received through the Go Fund Me campaign.

The effects the “Kill the Indian, save the man” Indian Boarding School era still has lasting effects our communities. The generational trauma has contributed to instability in families, drug and alcohol abuse, depression, suicide and sexual assault. Haynes hopes we can piece together some of the past and understand how to move forward, he shares “We are resilient, we hope that people face their internal conflicts and feel the emotions through the text and artistic expressions, it can lead to a path of healing. Facing an uncomfortable past is the first step to repairing our communities so we can move forward together.”


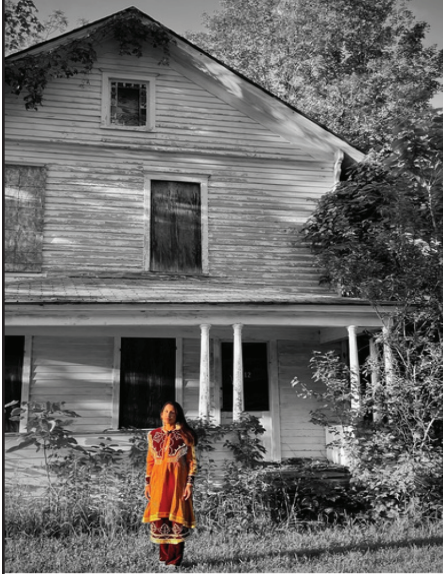
Resources and information will be available for community members to find information on former students and family members as well.

EXHIBITION OPENING

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Featuring artistic responses from Hodinöshö:ni artists: Peter B. Jones, Samantha Jacobs, Randee Spruce, Tami Watt, Luanne Redeye and Faye Lone.



This year's annual Fall Festival was filled with warm smiles and much needed togetherness!

Senecas Together, Senecas Safe

Photos by Newsletter & Seneca Media

The Fall Festival returned this year customarily taking place the second weekend of September, from September 10th - 12th. Friends and families came back to celebrate Seneca culture and to embrace traditions. Everyone relished in their favorite attractions including the fantastic food vendors, art show, social dancing, rides for the kiddos, and so much more!

The Fall Festival opened with the Master's Lacrosse Tournament as well as two games from the Seneca Sachems Football team which were all held on Friday. Saturday's main event was the annual parade with the theme of "Senecas Together, Senecas Safe". There was a number of organizations

that participated in the parade such as the Iroquois Legion Post 1587, Seneca Fire, various surrounding fire companies, SNI Education Department, as well as some community businesses and members. The parade brought families and friends together smiling and laughing, which was much needed.

In addition to the many food and craft vendors set up, there was live music throughout the day on Saturday from JJ & Mojo Sauce and Pedro & the Smooth Cats. Attendees were able to enter a couple tournaments/competitions: Cornhole, Horseshoes and Smoke Dance.

Sunday's activities included a breakfast buffet provided by Seneca Fire, 5k Run, Archery Shoot, the Baby Contest and the final day of the Smoke Dance Competition.

Fall Festival Coordinator Trudy Jackson said "Nya:wëh to all the artists and members of the community who came out to join the festivities."

The winners from all events and more information will be featured in the next issue to be dated October 15, 2021. Stay tuned.





Ja:goh Tre Turner

Class D / Msgr. Martin Report: Salamanca Looks to Build on Solid Spring



Salamanca finished the Spring season 4-3 and lost the Section 6 title game loss to Franklinville/Ellicottville 21-7.

"We are disappointed that our kids didn't get the opportunity to play at the Stadium," coach Chad Bartoszek said. "We always dream about that but we felt lucky to have a season at all." This is Bartoszek's 3rd season with the program.

The Warriors will get a huge boost by the return of senior center Tre Turner, a 3-year starter.

Tre is as consistent center as I have ever coached." Bartoszek said. "He's a team leader on the field and in the weight room. He has earned the respect of his teammates."

Turner (5-9, 245) was named a team captain and also plays lacrosse.

"He's not as vocal as some captains," Bartoszek said, "but he leads with his actions. He had perfect attendance with all

of our off-season stuff."

**Turner maintains an academic average of 90.**

"He's a good, solid student," Bartoszek said.

*Tre is the son of Natalie Stahlman and step son to Anthony Stahlman, Allegany Territory.*

**Ja:goh, Tre!**

Crouse voted in to the Salamanca City Central School District Board of Education

By Tami Watt, Editor



Jessica Crouse sworn in as newest SCCSD Board Member

On Tuesday September 14th, the Salamanca City Central School District's (SCCSD) Board of Education (BOE) unanimously voted in Jessica Crouse to the vacant seat of Dr. Meghan McCune. Ms. Crouse will serve the vacant seat until re-elections in May 2022.

Crouse joining the BOE marks the first time two Seneca members have been elected to the board simultaneously, a milestone for the Seneca community and students. In the past, Maxine Dollar served 5 years from 1999-2004 and Candace Miller served from 2004-2009.

Kerry John was recently voted in as the Vice President of the BOE in July 2021. John has been elected to the board twice and has served six and a half years. He initially joined the BOE in 2015 to play an active role in improving the education of SCCSD students and get the district on track to increase graduation rates and higher education success.

A Salamanca alumna, Crouse has strong ties to the community and

has continued her education at Vermont Law School, achieving a Master's of Food and Agricultural Law. As a parent, she is fully invested in her son's education at Seneca Intermediate and has held a seat as the Vice-Chair for the Title VI Indian Parent Committee since 2019. Crouse will continue to serve on the Seneca Nation's Climate Task Force, the Natural Resources Committee and as Executive Director for the Cannabis Regulatory Authority. She even has some teaching experience as an adjunct instructor at Jamestown Business College.

"I am deeply humbled and I believe with my experience, commitment, and community ties that I would serve in a manner will benefit our district. I look forward to working diligently with the present board members on ways to continue making our schools work the best," states Crouse.

Crouse intends to run for one of the two vacant seats next May in the BOE elections.

"Being present and active spans the tenets of lifelong learning. Our students and community become stronger in any avenue of educational pursuit when a solid

foundation is built upon a balance of needs and wants. Don't be afraid to take that "first step!" shares Crouse.

John feels having two Senecas on the BOE is important as it reflects the 40% Indigenous student body in within the SCCSD K-12, electing another Seneca board member is more proportionate to the student population. This can help push initiatives that are important to the Indigenous students and community.

"It's time for our community to support our Seneca candidates. Please lend your support for Jessica next May at the BOE elections," says John.

Get involved in your child's education! The Salamanca City Central School District hosts their **Board of Education meetings** every month as follows September 21st, October 5th, October 19th, November 16th, December 7th, January 4th, January 18th, February 1st, March 1st, March 15th, April 19th, May 3rd, May 17th, 2022 Budget Vote/BOE Election, June 7th, June 21st. Meetings are held in the Large Group Instruction Room and via live on the SCCSD Facebook page.

**The Indian Education Committee** is held once a month on the second Wednesday at 5pm in the Large Group Instruction Room at the Allegany Community Center.

**The Title VI Indian Parent Committee** is held once a month on the second Wednesday at 6pm in the Large Group Instruction Room at the Salamanca High School.



SCCSD Board of Education (BOE)



# Each/Other: Marie Watt and Cannupa Hanska Luger

Exhibition on display September 25 - December 12, 2021 at The Carlos Museum

Source: <https://carlos.emory.edu/exhibition/eachother-marie-watt-and-cannupa-hanska-luger>



*Left: Marie Watt (Seneca), **Butterfly** (detail), 2015. Reclaimed wool blankets, satin binding, thread, cotton twill tape and tin jingles; 94 x 126 in. Denver Art Museum: Funds from Loren G. Lipson, M.D., Vicki & Kent Logan, with additional funds from Brian Tschumper, Nancy Benson, Jan & Mike Tansey, and JoAnn & Bob Balzer, 2016.1A-B. © Marie Watt. Right: Cannupa Hanska Luger, **Every One** (detail), 2018. Ceramic, social collaboration; 12 x 15 x 3ft. Image courtesy of Marie Walsh Sharpe Gallery of Contemporary Art at Ent Center for the Arts, UCCS, Colorado Springs, CO.*

Each/Other: Marie Watt and Cannupa Hanska Luger is the first exhibition to feature together the work of Marie Watt and Cannupa Hanska Luger, two leading Indigenous contemporary artists whose processes focus on collaborative artmaking.

Exploring the collective process of creation, **Each/Other** will feature over two dozen mixed-media sculptures, wall hangings, and large-scale installation works by Marie Watt and Cannupa Hanska Luger, along with a new monumental artist-guided community artwork. While each artist's practice is rooted in collaboration, they have never before worked together or been exhibited alongside one another in a way that allows audiences to see

both the similarities and contrasts in their work.



*Cannupa Hanska Luger (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, Lakota, European) and Marie Watt (Seneca and German-Scots), **Each/Other**, 2020–21. Steel, wool, bandanas, ceramic, leather, and embroidery thread. © Cannupa Hanska Luger and Marie Watt. Photography © Denver Art Museum*

Marie Watt, who resides in Portland, Oregon, is a citizen of the Seneca Nation and has German-Scots ancestry. Cannupa Hanska Luger, who is based in New Mexico, is a citizen of the Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara) of Fort Berthold and has Lakota and European ancestry.

Emory students and Carlos Museum docents, patrons, and employees embroidered bandanas for the new, artist-guided community artwork, a collaborative project of both Watt and Luger. Watt is creating another new monumental sculpture in her *Blanket Stories* series for this exhibition and has asked for community participation.

Emory University was founded in 1836 on the historic lands of the Muscogee (Creek) people, 15 years after the First Treaty of Indian Springs (1821) through which the U.S. government acquired this area of land from the Muscogee Nation. After this treaty, many Muscogee people relocated to Alabama, and were then forcibly removed to present-day Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears in 1836. We share this acknowledgment of the history of the land to help put a better perspective on the Each/Other exhibition and Emory's commitment to honor Indigenous nations and peoples, both locally and beyond.

The Carlos Museum is honored to present this exhibition that centers Indigenous knowledge, creativity, and collaboration.



## Ja:goh Grace Gregoire

Congratulations on making the Spring 2021 Dean's list with a 4.0 GPA and for making the Summer 2021 Dean's list with a GPA of 4.0 as well. **Ja:goh!**

Submitted by Eva Capasso  
(Grace is the granddaughter of Eva Capasso)

## Thank you from the family of Louis S. Leroy:

*The Family of Louis S. Leroy would like to thank all those who offered Love, Kindness, Prayers, Food, Rides, Flowers and Music, in our time of bereavement. A Special Nya:wëh to Dan Leroy for his Generosity and Keith Leroy for the Eulogy.*

Weso Nya:wëh





# The Emergency Broadband Benefit (“EBB”) to help households struggling during the pandemic

Your child is automatically eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit if their school provides free meals under the USDA's Community Eligibility Provision ("CEP")

To find out whether your child's school participates in the CEP, please visit: [frac.org/community-eligibility-database](https://frac.org/community-eligibility-database)

To learn more about the Emergency Broadband Benefit, please visit: [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)



The Emergency Broadband Benefit (“EBB”) is a temporary Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic. This new benefit will connect children to school, seniors to telemedicine services, and New Yorkers to jobs and other vital services. The application period is open and is first-come, first-serve.

*Eligible enrollees can receive a credit up to \$50 monthly toward broadband service (or \$75 monthly for households on tribal lands). A one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase an internet-accessible device (laptop, desktop, tablet, etc.) from participating providers is also available.*

**The EBB has broad eligibility criteria. A household is eligible if it meets one of the following:**

- Has an income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Section 8 or Lifeline;
- Receives benefits under the federal free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing Lifeline, low-income or COVID-19 program.

The FCC has prepared an FAQ for consumers to learn more about the program.

**Please feel free to contact [info@utilityproject.org](mailto:info@utilityproject.org) or 877-669-2572 if you have any questions.** PULP recently created a landing page concerning internet resources available for low-and fixed-income New Yorkers.

If you have concerns about utility rights during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit PULP’s COVID-19 utility rights and moratorium page. For financial concerns, visit PULP’s HEAP page.

# COMMITMENT

By Michael Schindler

Nya:wëh sgë:nö’ gagwe:göh.

Language is so vitally important. What’s also vitally important is to keep our language alive, and making it our first language. Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h is committed to this task. And, we would like everyone to join us in our commitment to the revitalization of our Onöndowa’ga:’ gawë:nö’ by deciding right now that it is vital to you too.

**Language → Stronger Identity  
→ Greater Unity → Increased  
Sovereignty → More Happiness**

One way to gauge our success is if all Onöndowa’ga:’ were to sign a written statement committing themselves to studying and learning our language due to their never ending desire. That would be nice but we’re not there yet. On the other end of this scale are those who have no concern whatsoever. The core of Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h’s task is to move the needle all the way to the signed commitments end of the scale and we’re done, with the hard part. A little help please with this vital, commitment step.

I am curious to know how many potential teachers we have amongst us; those who are inspired, with a base of Onöndowa’ga:’ gawë:nö’ knowledge, a yearning to help by being a teacher with their own ‘learning nest’ of their own design, and Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h providing assistance of various sorts. Ögajanö’syö:’ (I had a dream). We would like to talk to you future teachers to develop a plan to build ‘learning nests’ across our Nation. Teachers are totally vital so give us a call and lets get this going. Call Darlene, Flip or myself.

Of course I have to mention the *Nearly New Boutique*, the pride and joy of the Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h organization. It has become quite the success in the Salamanca boutique world. We get many compliments like; the best store in town, or; my favorite store, or my fave; it doesn’t smell like a thrift shop. We do appreciate the compliments. You never know what you’ll find there but you know that it will have a very reasonable price. It may even have the original price tag on it still. As you may already know, we accept donations at the store during open hours. If you’re on the Cattaraugus Rez or in the surrounding area, call me and I’ll pick up your “Nearly New” donation and deliver it to the boutique.



While you’re scrolling around cyberspace, check out our website: <https://www.agwadeyestadogeh.com/> for our latest info. Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h is a true community development partner and we want you all to join us, let’s reach for the stars!

Nya:wëh to everyone; our Board of Directors, our volunteers, our donors and supporters for making us what we are today.

Michael Schindler



# The prognosis for a lingering pandemic

## COVID-19 variants, booster shots and combating vaccine hesitancy

By Dean S. Seneca | September 20, 2021 | indiancountrytoday.com

As we edge closer to entering the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, we as a nation are facing a combination of factors that could lead to further public health disasters if not redressed.

Increases in vaccine hesitancy, refusals to participate in even the most basic of preventative protection measures such as wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing, along with the addition of political rhetoric and misinformation regarding COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccines is a clear recipe for disaster. We are already witnessing the consequences within our Native communities.

Indian Country has been and continues to be disproportionately affected by COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, deaths, chronic and generational health disparities, political factors and social influences regarding public health policy that has increased the disease burden within our communities.

One of these issues to be specifically concerned about in the potential spread of COVID-19 is the overwhelming housing shortage in Indian Country. This lack of housing has led to overcrowded homes, meaning we often have multiple generations of people living in a single shared space. This makes prevention incredibly difficult.

The prevalence of cardiovascular disease and diabetes is another main issue when it comes to the virus, as individuals with pre-existing conditions and those that are immunocompromised have a reduced ability to fight off infections and are at particular risk of suffering from severe infection, hospitalization, and mortality.

As roughly 45 percent of the population is unvaccinated,



Dean S. Seneca receives his 1st dose of the Pfizer mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

and schools begin to re-open, there is cause for concern when sending our children back to class.

Children 12 years of age and younger do not yet have authorization for vaccinations, increasing transmission risks among this group and to their family members. Sending our children back into an environment where we are unsure if the teachers have been vaccinated or if the school has mandated masks increases the possibility that they will not only be infected with the virus, but will bring it home with them to other generations of their family — particularly those in their family who may be more vulnerable to infection from the new variant.

With that said, what are the best ways we can protect ourselves, our children, and our community as the Delta variant spreads rapidly throughout the United States?

### Get vaccinated

The Delta variant is rapidly spreading throughout the United States. It is more transmissible and appears to have a higher virulence (severity or harmfulness of infection) in vulnerable populations.

Our daily case rate went up to 876, and recently we have seen over 6,000 new cases of this Delta variant in Indian Country

— similar statistics to those seen at the end of the last wave in the winter of 2020 — which is a serious cause for alarm.

The current vaccinations provided are very effective, affording full protection against infection to roughly 88.1 percent of vaccinated individuals, while just under 12 percent of vaccinated individuals will become infected with the COVID-19 Delta variant.

Of that 12 percent, the majority had a high enough viral load provided by the vaccination to reduce both infection severity and transmissibility, meaning the vaccine still offered protective benefits.

In short, COVID-19 vaccinations reduce the risk of being infected, reduce infection severity and mortality, and reduce the risk of transmitting the virus to someone else if you are infected.

### Already vaccinated? Get a booster.

There is much debate surrounding whether or not individuals in the United States who are fully vaccinated should receive a third booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine or whether resources should be allocated to vaccinate the global population.

I often equate this to the analogy of the oxygen masks

deploying during a turbulent flight emergency. We are taught not to put the oxygen mask on the vulnerable first — not on the children, not on the elderly, not on the physically disabled — but instead to put our own oxygen mask on first.

Once we have done that, we are in a much better position to assist others in need.

The same goes for vaccinations. We can't help others to the fullest extent of our capabilities if we are not healthy ourselves. Getting a booster not only continues your immunity — which is naturally lost over time in regards to COVID-19 as antibody production declines — but it also helps protect your family, your community and the population as a whole.

The global vaccination effort is another monumental undertaking, one in which the United States must be at the forefront. To do so, we must continue to establish higher levels of herd immunity and promote vaccination efforts, including the distribution of third booster doses. Currently, about 55 percent of the United States population is vaccinated, yet we are still seeing drastic increases in COVID-19 cases.

The pandemic is resurging, and if we had not established the vaccination rates we have attained presently, the situation could be much worse. To prevent these circumstances from escalating, it is imperative that we stop the spread of this virus. Stopping the spread reduces COVID-19's ability to mutate into another variant, making vaccinations critical for us to make an impact on the pandemic.

### Wear a mask. Engage in social distancing. Reduce large gatherings. Clean your environment.

This pandemic is far from

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Notice is hereby given to all creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedents, that all persons having claims against the decedents are required to file them with the appropriate Surrogate’s Court, at the Allegany/Cattaraugus Territory. You are also required to mail or deliver a copy to the Administrator/Executor. This notice shall serve to notify creditors that they have ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the first publication of the notice to present their claims to the Administrator/Executor or the Clerk, and the estate may pay only those claims presented. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Next SNI Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the SNI Official Newsletter will be **Tuesday, October 5, 2021.**  
Next issue to be dated Friday, October 15, 2021.

Six Nation Agriculture Society seeking new members

Six Nation Agriculture Society- Allegany is seeking new members!

We will be meeting at the ACC in the MPR on Sunday October 17th at 4pm. Allegany Seneca’s represented by Allegany Community Members.

Any questions can be directed to Darlene Miller-716-378-9818 or Barbara Lynn Hill 716-713-4624. We will be choosing a Princess for the 2022 Great New York State Fair, as well looking for dancers and singers. If this is something you are interested in, we hope to see you on **Sunday October 17th at 4pm.**

NYS Fair Indian Village Agricultural Society

Fall meeting hosted by Cattaraugus-Allegany Areas  
**October 16, 2021 at 11am at the CCC**

Meeting Open to society members  
Lunch served at 11am with general meeting to follow

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Saturday Oct. 2, 2021  
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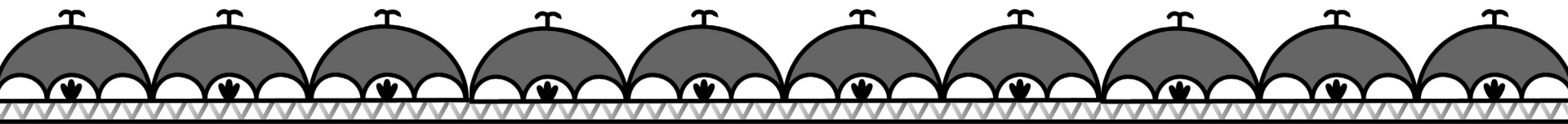
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AOA Elders Corner

Submitted by Melissa Shaw, AOA Outreach Coordinator

In-Person Elder Legal Assistance at AOA

Free In-Person Legal Assistance for Any On-Territory Elders (not dependent on enrollment status):

- 4th Thursday of Every Month
- With lawyer Alex Fehrman from the Center for Elder Law & Justice (CELJ)
- Morning Appointments @ Allegany AOA. Afternoon Appointments @ Cattaraugus AOA.

To make an appointment, please call Tina Law in Cattaraugus at (716)532-5777 or Bridget John in Allegany at (716)945-8990. OR, feel free to contact the lawyer, Alex Fehrman, directly at (716) 853-3087 ext. 242.

CELJ provides Health Care Advocacy, Elder Abuse Prevention, Kinship Care, Guardianship Services, Consumer Protection, Foreclosure Prevention, Health Care Proxy & Power of Attorney, Housing and other types of legal assistance.

Free In-Person Estate Planning & Will Preperation for Enrolled Seneca Elders:

- Second Friday of Every Month
- With lawyer Lee Redeye from Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP
- Morning Appointments @ Allegany AOA. Afternoon Appointments @ Cattaraugus AOA.

To make an appointment, please call Tina Law in Cattaraugus at (716)532-5777 or Bridget John in Allegany at (716)945-8990. OR, feel free to contact the lawyer, Lee Redeye, directly at (716) 853-5100 ext. 1382.

SNI AOA will cover all costs of Basic Will Construction, including: disposing of on-territory assets, including no more than three off-territory bank accounts, with no more than five beneficiaries and drafting and execution of power of attorney and healthcare proxy documents. If an eligible Elder requires Complex Estate Planning, the AOA will provide funding towards the representation not to exceed the amount of a Basic Will. The cost for complex estate planning beyond the initial amount covered by AOA is the sole responsibility of the elder.

Elders Events at the Casinos

October Events for Enrolled Seneca Elders:

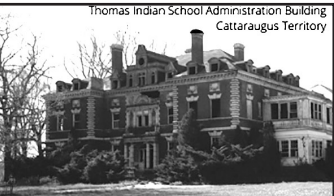
- **October 9th** – Seneca Fight Night, King of Cage MMA at Niagara Falls
- **October 15th** - Aaron Lewis at Allegany
- **October 16th** - Tessa Dezoppo, Pyschic Medium, at Niagara Falls
- **October 28th** - Village People at Niagara Falls

Important Note on Elder Entertainment Show Policy:

The Casino requires a head count 1 week prior to the show date, Elders are required to be signed up by then. Tickets are then

# Remembering And Healing

From the impact of residential schools in our community.




COMMUNITY HEALING WALK & RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL EXHIBIT  
@SULLY HUFF HERITAGE CENTER  
12857 ROUTE 438, IRVING, NY

## Thursday-Sept. 30

4-8pm~ Residential School Exhibit open for viewing  
4-5pm~ Check-in for walk (Pick-up dinner tickets)  
5pm~ Opening remarks  
5:30pm~ Walk begins (1 mile of paved paths through old TIS campus)  
6-7pm~ Take-out Dinner for participants

#EveryChildMatters  
#SNIRememberingAndHealing

For more information, please contact Sharon Francis  
@ SNI Victim Services, (716) 532-4900 ext. 5060



purchased, with no refunds for unused tickets. Therefore, we will be strongly adhering to the set guidelines for “no shows.” Which reads as follows: “Elders must notify AOA of any cancellations at least 24 hours prior to an event. The exception will be for emergency situations or severe weather conditions. Elders who are not in compliance with the policy will be put on a wait-list for future events for a period of 3 months. A second offense will result in a loss of privileges for a period of 6 months.”

As a reminder, assistants may be put on the wait-list pending all Enrolled Seneca Elders are accommodated.

Please remember to include your phone numbers when signing up for events. There is a minimum of 10 people to attend a show. If the minimum amount is not met, the event will be cancelled.

Feeling Stretched as a Caregiver?

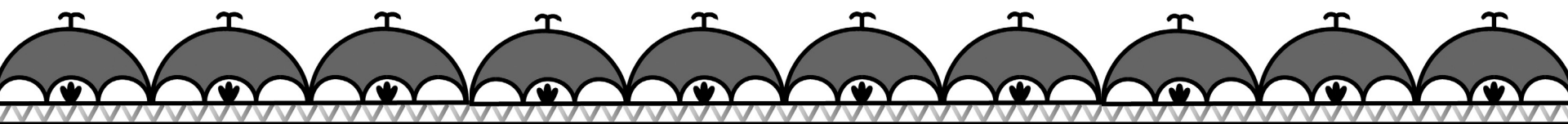
**Powerful Tools for Caregivers** is an educational series designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself.

This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

Classes consist of six sessions held once a week. Two experienced Class Leaders conduct the series (many are experienced caregivers themselves, who have successfully applied the techniques they teach). Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help you take the “tools” you choose and put them into action for your life.

You will receive a book, The Caregiver Helpbook, developed specifically for the class. Classes will be FREE, thanks to support from Lifespan.

Classes will be held at Seneca Allegany Elders Center. Sessions are held once a week for six weeks and begin the first week of October. Time to be determined with participants. \*Classes can be virtual if needed due to ongoing changes with COVID\* For more information or to register, contact Briana Snyder at (716)945-8991, or email Briana.Snyder@sni.org. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.





EXHIBITION OPENING

HĒNÖDEYĒSDAHGWA'GEH WA'ÖKI'JÖ'  
ÖGWAHSÄ'S. ONĒH I:' JÖGWADÖGWEA:JE'  
"We Were At the School. We Were There. We Remember."

The Thomas Indian School

OPENING: SEPTEMBER 30, 2021  
SULLY HUFF HERITAGE CENTER  
12857 RT. 438, CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY



TRUTH. REMEMBRANCE. HEALING.

Told through the voices of Hodinöhsyo:niḥ scholars and community members.

Featuring artistic responses from Hodinöhsyo:niḥ artists: Peter B. Jones, Samantha Jacobs, Randee Spruce, Tami Watt, Luanne Redeye and Faye Lone.

WEAR ORANGE  
September 30th-Orange Shirt Day

In remembrance of those who have been impacted by the residential school system.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS

Crime Victim Services  
Child & Family Services  
Area Office for the Aging

Reminder: Updated Mask Policy

Masks are now required regardless of vaccination status inside all Seneca Nation buildings. This includes the Wini Kettle Senior Center, Seneca Allegany Elder Center and 44 Seneca Senior Center. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided. Nya:wëh.

October Activities 2021 - Seneca Allegany Elders Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Elder Center Hours 8:00am-7:00pm Everyday Until further notice Dorsie or Nancy @ 716-945-8990</div>		<div>For safety purposes we are unable to store any personal or perishable items @ the Center</div>		<div>SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE</div>	<div>1 9:am Coffee Hour 11-12 Coloring 1-3 HALLOWEEN PUMPKINS 4-7 Leisure Time</div>	<div>2 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 Coloring 2-4 Scrabble 4-7 Leisure Time</div>
<div>BILLS</div> <div>Kick off @ 1:00</div>	<div>4 9:am Coffee Hour 11-12Adult Coloring 2-3 Scrabble 4-7 Movie</div>	<div>5 9-10am Coffee Hour 11-12 Coloring 2-4 Scrabble 4-7 Leisure Time</div>	<div>6 9-10 Coffee 11-1 CARD MAKING CLASS 2-4 Board Games 5-7 Movie</div>	<div>7 9-10 Coffee Hour 12-1 Lunch 1:30 BINGO 4-7 Leisure Time</div>	<div>8 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-12 Coloring 1-3 HALLOWEEN MAGNETS 4-7 Leisure Time</div>	<div>9 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 HALLOWEEN SCRATCH PAPER ART 2-4 Scrabble 4-7 Leisure Time</div>
<div>10 9-10 Coffee Hour  Work on any unfinished projects</div>	<div>11 SITE CLOSED INDIGENOUS DAY</div>	<div>12 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 HALLOWEEN JUG/ORNAMENTS 2-4 Scrabble 4-7 Leisure Time</div>	<div>13 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 CARD MAKING CLASS 2-4 Coloring 4-7 Movie</div>	<div>14 9-10 Coffee Hour 12-1 Lunch 1:30 BINGO 4-7 Leisure Time</div>	<div>15 9-10Coffee Hour 11-12 Coloring 1-3 HALLOWEEN WREATHS 4-7 Leisure Time</div>	<div>16 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 Coloring 2-4 Scrabble 4-7 Leisure Time</div>
<div>17 9-10am Coffee Hour 11-12am Coloring 1-3 Board Games 4-7 Leisure Time</div>	<div>18 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-12 Adult Coloring 1-4 HALLOWEEN HOUSE MAKING 4:30 Leisure Time</div>	<div>19 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-12 Coloring 2-4 Scrabble 4-7 Movie</div>	<div>20 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 CARD MAKING CLASS 2-4 Coloring 4-7 Leisure Time</div>	<div>21 9-10 Coffee Hour 12-1 Lunch 1:30 BINGO 4-7 Leisure Time</div>	<div>22 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-12 Coloring 1-3 FROSTED HALLOWEEN BTL 4-7Leisure Time</div>	<div>23 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-3 HALLOWEEN WAX HANDS 4-7 Leisure time</div>
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October 2021

AOA Nutritional Menu	AOA Daily Trips Allegany Territory	AOA Daily Trips Cattaraugus Territory	USDA Schedule
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>AOA Menu:</b> SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Note: ½ pint milk served with each meal! <u>For Allegany:</u> <b>call 716-945-8414</b> <u>For Cattaraugus:</u> <b>call 716-532-5777</b> to make a reservation or cancel a meal by 9:30am the day prior to the meal	<b>Allegany TRIPS:</b> All trips depart J-town at 2pm unless noted otherwise. 9 passengers MAX for safety.  <b>Cattaraugus TRIPS:</b> All passengers must be signed up by 9am the day of the trip.	<b>USDA:</b> 210 TIS Ext., Irving <b>Call 716-532-1028, Ext 5446</b> ..... <b>Cattaraugus AOA Saturday Trip</b>  * <b>Saturday, Oct. 9th</b> Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show - <u>Depart at 10am</u>	<b>Allegany AOA Saturday Trips</b>  * <b>Saturday, Oct. 9th</b> Letchworth Arts & Crafts Show - Free Admission <u>Depart at 10am</u>  * <b>Saturday, Oct. 23rd</b> Fall Foliage Train Ride \$17 Admission <u>Depart at 12:15pm</u> Gowanda - 2hrs	<b>1</b>  Chicken Noodle Casserole Harvard Beets Oatmeal Raisin Cookie  Peaches N' Cream Randolph, NY  Red Lobster 1pm  <b>Call In Orders until further notice</b>	
<b>4</b>  Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Pudding for Dessert  Cuba Cheese Cuba, NY  NO TRIP  <b>Cattaraugus</b> - call to place your order for timely delivery	<b>5</b>  Chicken Broccoli Rice Bake Side Salad Chocolate Chip Cookie  Kinzua Bridge SKYWALK Mt. Jewett, PA  Spirit Halloween 1pm  Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown	<b>6</b>  Salisbury Steak & Gravy over Seasoned Brown Rice Roasted Cauliflower Apple Crumble  <b>Olive Garden</b> - Jamestown Depart at 4pm  Wal-Mart 1pm  Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods	<b>7</b>  <b>Traditional</b> Bison Stew Succotash Rice Pudding  Brigiotta's Market Jamestown, NY  <b>Pasquales</b> Lunch 1pm  Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton	<b>8</b>  Baked Ziti Served with Steamed Carrots Warm Cinnamon Peaches  Pumpkinville Great Valley, NY *  Mayer Bros 1pm *  Delivery to Irving	
<b>11</b>  <b>Sites CLOSED</b> <i>For</i> <b>INDIGENOUS DAY</b>	<b>12</b>  Spaghetti & meat sauce Side Green Salad Dinner Roll Peanut Butter Cookie  <b>MOVIES</b> - Lakewood Cinema, <i>1/2 price snacks</i>  McKinley Mall 1pm  <b>Allegany</b> - call to place your order for timely delivery	<b>13</b>  Ham & Scalloped potatoes Steamed Broccoli Pear Crisp  Beads Beads Beads Irving, NY  Wal-Mart 1pm  Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca	<b>14</b>  <b>Birthday</b> Meatloaf w/Gravy ½ Baked Potato Seasoned Peas Birthday Cake for dessert  Griffis Sculpture Park "Night Lights" Depart 6:45pm →	<b>15</b>  Lasagna Florentine 5 Bean Salad Chocolate Pudding  Aldi's - Bradford, PA \$10 Admission  You pick <b>Fish Fry</b> 4pm  Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck	
	<b>18</b>  Macaroni & Cheese w/Ham Zucchini & Yellow Squash Warm Cinnamon pears  Big Lots Olean, NY  Scenic Ride 1pm  Delivery to Olean	<b>19</b>  Turkey and Dumplings Roasted Acorn Squash Apple Crisp  Wegman's - 5% off Sr. Discount - Jamestown  Savers - Hamburg 1pm  Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	<b>20</b>  Marinated Grilled Chicken Sweet potato wedges Seasoned Green Beans Vanilla Pudding  Hobby Lobby & Target Blasdell, NY  Wal-Mart - Hamburg 1pm  Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	<b>21</b>  Pork Chop with ½ baked potato Steamed Spinach Orange Sherbet & Sliced Fruit  Walmart Bradford, PA  Local Shopping 1pm  Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	<b>22</b>  Zuppa Toscana Bread Stick Chocolate Peanut Butter Cupcake  Riders Choice *  <b>Olive Garden</b> 1pm  <b>Call In Orders until further notice</b>
	<b>25</b>  Beef Tips with Egg Noodles Seasons Peas Apple Cake  Pet Smart Jamestown, NY  Vidlers 1pm  Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	<b>26</b>  <b>Brunch</b> Breakfast Sandwich Sausage, Egg & Cheese served on a Warm Biscuit Mandarin Oranges  Lowe's Springville, NY  Riders Choice 1pm  <b>Call In Orders until further notice</b>	<b>27</b>  Hearty Potato & Ham Chowder Wheat Roll Oatmeal Raisin Cookie  <b>Beef N' Barrel</b> - Olean Depart at 4pm  Wal-Mart 1pm  Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	<b>28</b>  Open Faced Turkey Sandwich on Wheat Bread w/Gravy Mixed Vegetables Warm Cinnamon Applesauce  Reid's Food Barn Olean, NY  LongHorns Steakhouse 1pm  <b>Call In Orders until further notice</b>	<b>29</b>  Garden Vegetable Pizza Side Green Salad Fruited Jell-O w/Whipped Cream  Scenic Ride  Buffalo Creek Casino 1pm  No Distribution Inventory Day



# Health Tent at Fall Festival

We had a lot of visitors at the health tent during this year’s Seneca Fall Festival. It was a beautiful sunny day and somewhat windy at times.

The Seneca Nation Health System’s department staff were there to give out information about our programs, including: Environmental Health, Dental, Diabetes, BHU Prevention/Seneca Native Connections, Medical, Child & Family Services and Seneca Strong. In addition, we had a PPE table set up with free hand sanitizer and masks, courtesy of the Emergency Management department. We also had representatives from Independent Health and Walsh Duffield in attendance to share information about their programs.

We would like to thank Independent Health and Walsh for bringing “The Blend” Food Truck which offered healthy smoothies and snacks to participants.

It was another successful event with plenty of giveaways. The staff always enjoys the interaction with community members at this annual event. We hope to see everyone again at next year’s fall festival!



## Traditional Baby Food

SNHS’ GHWIC Team and Gakwiyoh Farms are collaborating on a traditional baby food project to provide a series of opportunities, informational videos and supplies to make traditional baby foods.

The series will begin with Buffalo Creek Squash this fall!

Interested participants are encouraged to utilize the link below to register, as well as share areas of interest for this project.

<https://www.senecahealth.org/squash-survey>

Additional inquiries can be sent to [hward@senecahealth.org](mailto:hward@senecahealth.org)



## COVID-19 Breakthrough Infections: What Community Members Need to Know

With the new and highly contagious Delta variant spreading across Indian Country, some vaccinated people have experienced breakthrough infections. Breakthrough infections are when someone fully vaccinated against COVID-19 gets infected and tests positive for COVID-19. **These infections are uncommon.**

Below are answers to frequently asked questions about breakthrough infections.



### What are the risks of “breakthrough” infections?

There is a small chance someone could still get COVID-19 after being vaccinated. There are no vaccines that perfectly prevent 100% of infections. COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness and death. If a vaccinated person does get a COVID-19 infection, there is a very low risk of severe illness or death. Most people with breakthrough cases experience mild symptoms and can recover at home. The vast majority of those hospitalized with COVID-19 are people who have not been vaccinated.

### What is the point of vaccinating if people can still get sick?

Vaccinations can protect against disease and are highly protective against death and hospitalization due to COVID-19. Breakthrough infections are rare. Even if you do have a breakthrough infection after being fully vaccinated, you may have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. Vaccination also reduces the risk of COVID-19 infections in our communities. When more people are vaccinated, it lowers the risk for everyone.

### Why did guidance change again about vaccinated people wearing masks?

There is still a large portion of our population that is unvaccinated and at high risk for serious COVID-19 illness. Unfortunately, vaccinated people can still spread this variant to others, and that is why they need to wear a mask in public spaces. Wearing a mask in public spaces will also help prevent future variants and will protect everyone in our community, including our elders, those with weaker immune systems, and children who are unable to get the vaccine.

### What can I do?

- Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19, even if you are vaccinated
- Wear a mask in public spaces
- Meet up with friends and family outdoors
- Avoid crowded spaces, especially indoor spaces

Encourage your friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family who are over age 12 and haven’t gotten their COVID-19 vaccines to get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect our communities.



Effective August 25, 2021  
Source: CDC



# Seneca Native Connections ~ Honor Your Journey



As some may or may not know, the Seneca Nation Health System’s Prevention Team have some new faces serving our communities. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the team that makes Native Connections come to life and the program as a whole. You may have seen our flyers and even participated in some of the programs past events over the years, but some of you may be wondering...what is Native Connections?

Well, let us tell you! The Prevention Team is a part of the community services within the Seneca Nation Health System, and our mission is to reduce substance use and suicide risk among Seneca Nation

youth and families through the creation of community-wide and culturally relevant programming. Our goal is to encourage youth to honor their journey through a substance free and healthy lifestyle. We do this by providing education to the community, especially the youth, on topics like mental health, substance use, and life skills. The team also provides suicide intervention trainings to the community.

Our program hosts monthly events that focuses on promoting families spending time together, as positive family engagement serves as a protective factor against substance misuse and suicide. We also have our Clubhouses, which will soon

have their doors open to youth ages 12-17, providing a safe place for youth to hang out or participate in a variety of prevention programming. The Clubhouses have a wide array of different amenities to offer the youth that include computers and quiet areas to work on their homework, a gaming room, rock wall, and an entertainment area to enjoy movies with friends.

We love bringing education and awareness to the community, and we hope to see you at one of our future events and participating in our programming!

## Continued Mask Mandate

Regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, all Seneca Nation Health System patients, visitors, and employees are required to wear a face mask or face covering within SNHS facilities.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with the continued mask mandate.



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Visit our website  
[senecahealth.org](https://senecahealth.org)



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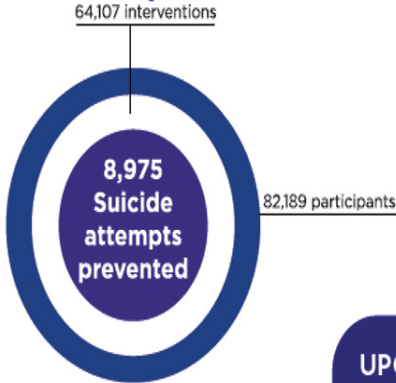
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## MAKE A CONNECTION. HELP SAVE A LIFE.

Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

- safeTALK is:**
- Half-day training in suicide alertness skills
  - Learn four basic steps to create a life-saving connection
  - Widely used by professionals and the general public

### safeTALK’s impact in 2016



- safeTALK works! Studies show that safeTALK participants gain confidence:
- ✓ Asking people about suicide directly
  - ✓ Connecting them to life-saving resources
  - ✓ Keeping them safe until those resources take over

**Please note:**  
COVID-19 safety guidelines will be in place and provided to those who register.

### UPCOMING safeTALK WORKSHOP

**DATE TIMES** Monday, September 27th  
12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION** CCC - 12767 NY-438  
Irving, NY 14081

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE** September 21st

**TO INQUIRE/REGISTER EMAIL:**  
[Lbushman@senecahealth.org](mailto:Lbushman@senecahealth.org)



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Check us out online for more information about our prevention team, events, programs, and the Youth Clubhouse!

**Cattaraugus CHWC**  
36 Thomas Indian School Drive  
716•532•5583

**Allegany LRJHC**  
987 R.C. Hoag Drive  
716•945•9001

[senecanativeconnections.org](https://senecanativeconnections.org)





Check out our new video @senecalanguage.com!

We will be adding new content and more learning materials to the website, so be sure to stop by!



Onĕdowa'ga: Gawĕ:nĕ'  
Pronunciation Key

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The purpose of the Allegany Language Department, *Ėgwaiwanĕsde' ĖgwawĕnĖ*, is to promote conversational Seneca language use at the Seneca Nation.

**CATTARAUGUS COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS**  
**FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT**

**OCT 4th**  
Uno  
Tournament  
\$1 entry fee  
per game

**OCT 18th**  
Paint & Tie  
Dye Night!  
Bring your own  
item!

**NOV 1st**  
Left Right  
Center  
\$1 entry fee  
per game

**NOV 29th**  
Pool  
Party!

Snacks & Drinks  
Provided Each  
Week  
Door prizes each week  
for participants!

**FOR MORE INFO CALL 716-532-0450**

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**ANSWERS** to the Autumn  
Word Search Puzzle that appeared in  
the September 10th issue:

**Hodinĕhsĕ:ni' Juried  
Art Show Applications  
Due Wed., October 20th, 2021**

*Ganondagan is now accepting  
submissions for our fifth  
Hodinĕhsĕ:ni' Juried Art Show* which  
will be on exhibit Saturday, November 20th, 2021. We are calling for  
Haudenosaunee artists in the six divisions of:  
Beadwork, Basketry, Traditional Arts, Fine  
Art 2D, Fine Art Sculpture, and Photography  
to enter up to three pieces of new work for  
consideration in the show. (First Place -  
\$1,250; Second Place - \$750; Third Place -  
\$400; Best in Show - \$2,500). Each artist may  
submit up to three pieces of their own work  
for the show. For rules and application please  
visit the event page @ [ganondagan.org](http://ganondagan.org).

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