



# Quinault Indian Nation

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## QUINAULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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FOR  
RESOLUTION NO. 22-193-100

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August 25, 2022  
Date Approved

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Date Ratified



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### A RESOLUTION APPROVING UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR TESTING, QUARANTINE, ISOLATION, AND MASKING

**WHEREAS**, the Quinault Business Committee is the recognized governing body of the Quinault Indian Nation under the authority of the Quinault Indian Nation's Constitution adopted by the Quinault General Council on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quinault Indian Nation has inherent sovereign governmental powers to protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the Quinault Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, under Article I, Section 2 of the Quinault Constitution, the Business Committee is empowered to provide for the general safety and welfare of all persons acting by the right of membership in the Quinault Nation or acting or residing within the jurisdiction of the Quinault Nation ("Quinault Community"); and

**WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Quinault Indian Nation authorizes the Quinault Business Committee to establish Quinault Indian Nation policies; and

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution # 20-55-98, as duly adopted by the Business Committee on March 13, 2020, the Nation has declared a Public Health Emergency for the Quinault Reservation in response to the global outbreak of the Coronavirus epidemic ("COVID-19"); and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the significant health risks, epidemiological risks of spread and containment, critical nature of the success of the medical response, and importance of social distancing strategies, the Business Committee has closed all non-essential governmental operations, businesses, and services, announced the closures of various enterprises, including the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino ("QBRC") and the Quinault Sweetgrass Hotel, issued a "stay at home" order, furloughed non-essential staff, and reduced the work week for essential staff; and

**WHEREAS**, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the Business Committee recognizes the importance of adjusting and revising guidelines for testing, quarantine, and isolation in order to mitigate the spread of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 11, 2022, the CDC revised its guidelines for quarantine, isolation, and testing; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the Nation's high-risk population and remaining COVID funds that are allocated specifically to testing, case investigation, and mitigation, the Business Committee finds that it is in the best interests of the Quinault Indian Nation to adopt modified CDC guidelines as provided herein and in the attached policies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Quinault Business Committee hereby approves the adoption of the attached updated QIN Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines 2022 and Employee Policy for COVID-19, summarized as follows:

A. Testing: Mass surveillance testing no longer required. The COVID Response Team will continue to conduct community testing for those who (a) are symptomatic, (b) voluntarily want to test, and/or (c) need urgent care testing. Testing upon return from travel for QIN Employees is no longer required. Testing to return to work after being home sick is no longer required for QIN Employees.

B. Isolation: Isolation services will continue. A positive case will be recorded, contact tracing will occur to determine timeline of infection and exposed individuals, food box/voucher and supplies will be provided to the positive case, and a nurse will be assigned to do daily monitoring.

C. Quarantine: Quarantine is no longer required except for QIN employees who work in the QIN Early Learning Baby Room, QIN Senior Program (and in direct contact with elders) and/or the QIN Jail provided they meet the below requirements. Optional quarantine will be offered to anyone who is symptomatic, high-risk and/or wants to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19, provided they meet the following requirements:

- Age 5 years or older and completed the primary series of vaccinations over five months ago, but have not received the recommended booster shot; or
- Received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson over two months ago and have not received the recommended booster shot.
- Not vaccinated.
- Symptomatic after contact, regardless of vaccine status and NOT been positive in last 21 days.

D. CP Leave: CP leave will continue to be granted to a QIN employee who tests positive, cares for a minor who is positive, is in quarantine, or cares for a minor in quarantine.


E. Masks: If an employee returns to work during days 6 through 10 of their COVID-19 infection period and has been officially released from isolation, they must wear a well-fitting mask while at work through the 10th day.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these guidelines shall become effective on August 29, 2022 and all previous resolutions and/or policies that are inconsistent with the guidelines described herein and attached hereto are superseded.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Committee will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will either rescind or modify this resolution as needed, including reinstatement of more restrictive guidelines if necessary.

**CERTIFICATION**

AS SECRETARY OF THE QUINAULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY ENACTED BY THE QUINAULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE ON THE 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2022, BY A VOTE OF 12 FOR, 0 AGAINST, AND 0 ABSTAINING.

  
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Guy L. Capoen, President  
Quinault Indian Nation

  
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