

The specific reasons underlying the finding of necessity, above, are as follows:

This emergency rule making is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare and the protection of public health and safety. Failure to adopt this rule as an emergency will result in patrons potentially being exposed to other patrons who have COVID-19. The explicit requirements, to wear face masks or stay six feet away from other patrons and to not congregate in groups unless you are from the same household or family unit, is intended to diminish the spread of the virus at OPRHP facilities.

This rule specifically allows OPRHP staff and the police to enforce the social distancing requirements where voluntary compliance cannot be achieved.