

### The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force

## Suggested Media Instructions:

Please run at your discretion.

#### Media Inquiries: Lloyd Phillips

Commissioner of Public Safety, Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke lloyd.phillips@mck.ca

#### **Lisa Westaway**

Executive Director, Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre <u>lisa.westaway.kahnawake</u> @ssss.gouv.qc.ca

## COMMUNIQUÉ

# Reminder – Directive 52 and Self-Isolation for International Travelers

#### For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 5, Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2021) The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force (Task Force) would like to remind the community of Directive 52, which requires all Kahnawa'kehró:non to self-isolate after returning from the U.S. and all international destinations.

"This reminder is being issued in the wake of media reports regarding some passengers on an Air Canada flight from Mexico, as well as other international flights, who tested positive for COVID-19," said Lisa Westaway, Executive Director of the Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre. "We have learned that some local residents were on some of those flights, and we are concerned for their health and safety and potential risk of spreading the virus to community members."

The Peacekeepers are in contact with Canada Border Services Agency, and information regarding local residents traveling outside of Canada is being shared. Those who fail to self-isolate will be deemed in contravention of the Canada Quarantine Act and subject to stiff penalties, but more importantly, not self-isolating puts our community at a huge risk.

If you recently traveled outside the country by airplane, cruise ship, train, or any public conveyance, you may have been exposed to COVID-19. Please verify if you may have been exposed to the virus at <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice/exposure-flights-cruise-ships-mass-gatherings.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/latest-travel-health-advice/exposure-flights-cruise-ships-mass-gatherings.html</a>.