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## COMMUNIQUÉ

# Task Force update on current measures

### For immediate release

Kahnawake – 5, Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2022 at 3pm) The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force ('Task Force') wishes to update the community on the current situation regarding local measures that were implemented on New Year's Eve after the surge of positive COVID-19 cases within the community.

The Task Force met yesterday and reviewed the current measures, which will <u>remain until at least January 22, 2022</u>. The Task Force will meet to re-evaluate the measures on January 19.

- Restaurants to remain closed for in-house dining, take-out and delivery only
- Gaming establishments to remain closed
- Personal care/Aesthetics/hair salons to remain closed
- Gyms to remain closed
- Indoor Sports to remain closed
- Local businesses to remain open on Sundays during regular hours (despite Quebec's closure of all non-essential businesses on Sundays)
- Kahnawà:ke is for residents only between 10pm and 5am, with the exception of non-local essential service employees. The duration of this directive will coincide with Quebec's timeline. Employers are responsible for ensuring their workers have proof of employment. Although there is no curfew for Kahnawa'kehró:non, you are subject to Quebec's curfew should you leave the Territory, and we highly recommend that you remain in your family bubble at this time
- Kahnawà:ke Schools re-opening date extended to Monday, January 17, to ensure school administrators have time to prepare additional safety measures
- Funerals taking place in larger venues can accommodate up to a maximum of 25 persons or if taking place at Poissant's up to a maximum of 10 persons at a time. It is highly recommended that visitation take place no more than two family bubbles at a time
- All recreation areas (such as the town rink, etc.) will be limited to one household at a time
- Travel, no restrictions imposed by Task Force
- It is recommended to remain in your family bubble as much as possible

The only modification that was agreed upon by the Task Force was to allow tobacco manufacturing to resume operations on January 9, 2022, with new, strict measures to ensure the health and safety of employees working in the industry.

Additionally, we remind the community to remain vigilant with the increased risk of transmitting the virus at this time. Please follow all safety measures (masking, distancing, and hand hygiene) and try to limit or avoid unnecessary exposure from gathering with other households or being out in public.

For up-to-date information on measures, isolation and testing requirements, and other COVID-19 related information, visit <u>www.kahnawake911.com</u>.