

The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force

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Elders Lodge Outbreak Update

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 7, Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2021) The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force would like to update the community that the COVID-19 outbreak identified at the Turtle Bay Elders Lodge (TBEL) on December 31, 2020, is under control.

None of the residents have shown any COVID-19 symptoms and are followed by nurses from Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC) daily. COVID-19 screenings will continue on residents and employees every five (5) days until the end of the outbreak.

KMHC's Local Public Health Team has completed contact tracing. Reinforcement of Public Health directives within the TBEL will be increased. Home Care Services will be followed by the Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre's clinical and authoritative supervision until the pandemic is over.

It is considered an outbreak when two or more people working in one facility test positive. Everyone is grateful that the protocols and procedures implemented during this outbreak are successful in decreasing the risk of spread of the virus.