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Task Force announces Four Phases of Reopening

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 27, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2021) The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force (“Task Force”) today announced its phased-in approach for decrease in measures in the community, as it has become clear that the pandemic has entered a less critical phase.

The Task Force is taking a four (4) phased approach. Phase 1 is already in operation, having begun on Friday, May 21st.

Phase 2 is tentatively scheduled to be in effect on Friday, June 4th and includes (but is not limited to) changes to the following:

- **Outdoor private & public gatherings:** increase to maximum of 25 persons, space permitting and with measures
- **Indoor private gatherings:** increase to two other households to a maximum of 8 persons
- **Churches, funerals & ceremonial gatherings:** increase to **50% capacity**, with spacing and measures
- **Restaurants:** expansion of allowances for on-site dining to **50% capacity**, with two household maximum per table
- **Gyms & fitness centers:** will be permitted to increase capacity to 12 persons, if space permits
- **Gaming establishments:** reopening with pre-approved Orange Zone restrictions
- **Cigar lounges:** allowances of 50% capacity on terraces only

Phase 3 and Phase 4, which will see a continuation of reduction of restrictions, is tentatively scheduled at two week intervals from each other however this will be reassessed as we continue through the phases.

Additionally, all restrictions in place restricting access of non-locals to businesses will be lifted on Friday, June 4th.

The full Reopening Plan can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Please note that **all dates and measures are tentative** at this time due to the changing nature of the pandemic.

It is important to note that, even with the large percentage of community as well as Quebec being vaccinated, we need to remain vigilant and continue to follow all health and safety measures in place to protect our community – especially our vulnerable population who remain at risk.

The Task Force appreciates everyone’s cooperation and respect of the health and safety measures, ensuring a safe reopening.