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## COMMUNIQUÉ

#### Vaccinations for community members 12-15 years-of-age begin TODAY (Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### For immediate release

**(Kahnawake – 3, Ohiarí:ha/June 2021)** The Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre ("KMHC") and the Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force ("Task Force") would like to remind Kahnawa'kehró:non that vaccinations for adolescents between the ages of 12 and 15 begin TODAY.

This vaccination clinic will be held at the Vaccination Center located at the Mohawk Bingo on Route 138 on:

- Thursday, June 3 from 3pm until 6:30pm
- Friday, June 4 from 1pm until 6:30pm
- Saturday, June 5 from 9am until 3pm

It is not too late to book your appointment. Although Thursday is full, there are still spots available on Friday and Saturday to book appointments. Please visit <a href="www.kahnawake911.com/vaccine">www.kahnawake911.com/vaccine</a> and click on the link to Quebec's Clic Santé portal. Those aged 14 and over do not require parental consent to receive the vaccine. <a href="Those under the age of 14 require parental consent">Those under the age of 14 require parental consent</a> to receive the vaccine. The parental consent form can be found at the aforementioned website when booking your appointment.

"This is another crucial phase in the vaccination campaign but more importantly in ensuring that our community remains safe as we move forward towards a new normal. Vaccinations protect our most vulnerable and will contribute greatly to return to school in the fall in a safe and secure way," said Executive Director of the KMHC Lisa Westaway earlier this week. "Our children deserve to be learning onsite. Vaccinations will ensure that they can be back in school, meeting their mental health, physical, social and psychological needs, while at the same time, protecting their families and loved ones."

Additionally, local residents who may require more information or have questions about the vaccines and adolescents can contact a nurse from Public Health at 450-638-3930 ext. 2213. Other vaccine-related information is available on various government websites to help you make an informed decision regarding vaccinations:

https://publications.msss.gouv.qc.ca/msss/fichiers/2021/21-279-42WA.pdf

https://immunize.ca/sites/default/files/Resource%20and%20Product%2 0Uploads%20(PDFs)/COVID-19/covid-q-and-a e.pdf

Do your part to protect your loved ones and community by wearing your mask, practicing proper hygiene, social distance and get vaccinated.