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COMMUNIQUÉ

New measures for Kahnawà:ke effective immediately

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 31, Tsothórrha/December 2021 at 5:45pm) The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force ('Task Force') is advising the community that new safety measures within Kahnawà:ke have been set into force, effective as of 4pm today (December 31st) to ensure the recent rising number of COVID-19 cases and its potential effects can be mitigated safely.

The situation within the community and surrounding area is deemed critical at this time, and transmission is at its highest. As a result, the Task Force has put the following measures into force:

- 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 to ensure their workers have proof of employment. Although there is no curfew for Kahnawà:ke, 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;
- Local businesses to remain open on Sundays during regular hours (despite Quebec's closure of all non-essential businesses on Sundays);
- Kahnawà:ke Schools re-opening date extended to Monday, January 17th, to ensure school administrators have time to prepare additional safety measures. The Kahnawake Education Center will make a formal announcement shortly;
- 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; and
- All recreation areas (such as the town rink, etc.) will be limited to one household at a time.

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. The Task Force wishes not to enforce further restrictions unless absolutely necessary and hopes that the entire community takes the collective responsibility of doing what is necessary to beat this virus.

We are currently at the highest rate of positive cases (120 as of December 30th at 5pm), and that number is increasing each day. For up-to-date information on measures, isolation and testing requirements, and other COVID-19 related information, visit www.kahnawake911.com.