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## Task Force reinstated with full participation

For immediate release

**(Kahnawake – 6, Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2022 at 1:30 pm)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to advise the community that the Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force has been reinstated, *with full participation*, to address the current State of Emergency.

As announced before the Holidays, the State of Emergency was declared following the recommendation from the Public Safety Commissioner in response to the increasingly alarming number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Kahnawà:ke during this 'fifth wave' of the pandemic.

Please note that, as per the *Kahnawà:ke Emergency Preparedness Law*, the Resolution passed by the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke on December 22, 2021, designated an Emergency Preparedness Committee of subject matter experts who can assist with actions to address events in a state of emergency. For clarity, these same persons have been designated to comprise the COVID-19 Task Force.

The Task Force includes the Commissioner of Public Safety, Executive Director of Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre, Chief Peacekeeper, Fire Chief of the Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade, Executive Director of Kahnawà:ke Shakotiiia'takéhnhas Community Services, Manager of Public Safety, MCK Public Safety Portfolio Chief, MCK Health Portfolio Chief, Executive Director of Kahnawà:ke Education Center, and the MCK Executive Director.

### **Kahnawà:ke's Traditional bodies have confirmed their participation on the Task Force, as they had in 2020.**

Representatives of both the Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke (207) and the Mohawk Trail Longhouses are now participating in the Task Force meetings.

In accordance with the *Kahnawà:ke Emergency Preparedness Law*, the State of Emergency will be in effect for thirty (30) days, expiring on January 20, 2022. It can be renewed as required.