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Kahnawake to reopen for business on Monday, June 1st

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 27, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2020) The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force wishes to advise the public that Monday, June 1st has been declared as the official opening date for Phase I of the Reopening of Businesses on the Territory.

The decision was made after careful consideration of all available scientific and medical information. All affected businesses are required to implement and maintain the health and safety measures set forth by the Task Force and must be inspected by the Task Force before resuming operations. Detailed information is available at www.Covid-19.kmhc.ca/forbusiness.

Please note: Gaming establishments, social clubs, restaurants, bars and exercise gyms will **not** reopen at this time.

Due to the ongoing concerns regarding the pandemic, certain measures will be maintained that will affect the general public. These include the continued closure of outdoor recreation facilities (Skate Park, Basketball Court, Tennis Court, Splash Pad, Lacrosse Rink, and playgrounds). Please note that all outdoor recreational areas, bicycle paths and Tekakwitha island that remain open are **for residents ONLY**.

“We are being extremely careful, deliberate and diligent in our actions, as it is very clear that the pandemic isn’t going away,” said Commissioner of Public Safety Lloyd Phillips. “While we will welcome clients and customers to visit our businesses, we must also remind those visitors to follow all health and safety measures put in place within the establishments to protect both themselves and those working. While the announcement today is positive, we must – and will – continue to do everything in our power to help protect our elders and other vulnerable persons.”

Until June 1st, Kahnawake will continue to enforce a Restricted Access directive. Until that time, only residents and non-local persons working in essential services are permitted on the Territory. Those disregarding this directive are liable to a fine in the amount of approximately \$1,500 (with costs).