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COMMUNIQUÉ

COVID-19 Outbreak

(Kahnawake – 14, Ohiarihkó:wa/July 2021)

The Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre's (KMHC) local Public Health team and the Public Safety Commission would like to present updated statistics to the community regarding active COVID-19 cases.

As of July 14th, 2021:

- **8 active cases (none of which are fully vaccinated)**
- **Approximately 60 people in isolation**

Although we have significantly reduced Public Health measures, COVID-19 is still present and is still a very real risk, especially for people who are not fully vaccinated (2 doses). Our current status of 8 active cases and high number of contacts in isolation is proof that we must remain vigilant and ensure to maintain masking and distancing measures where warranted. Although we are in a "green" state of alert, the pandemic is not over.

We must learn to live with COVID-19 amongst us and in order to do so and remain healthy, we must maintain a certain amount of public health measures. We must also be mindful that children under 12 are not vaccinated. Also, only 44% of our community 12 and up are fully vaccinated and only 1 in 3 adults over 18 are fully vaccinated. There remains a risk of getting and transmitting COVID-19 within the community, with potential for long term COVID-19 consequences, severe illness or death. We have a collective responsibility to stay vigilant, respect measures when in groups of people who are not vaccinated or whose vaccination status is not known and to stay home when we have COVID-19 symptoms and be tested. If we follow these basic principles as a community, we can minimize the risk and still live our lives as openly and freely as possible.

We will provide you with updates regarding this most recent outbreak as it evolves. Local Public Health would like to emphasize the importance of being vaccinated with two doses in order for vaccination to be effective against the existing variants of concern as well as any new variants that may arise. One dose is no longer effective against predominant COVID-19 variants. Those contacts who are vaccinated with two doses are not required to isolate. Those with 1 dose or no vaccination at all who are contacts are required to self-isolate for 14 days if considered a contact of Public Health.

For anyone wishing to be vaccinated with their first dose, we currently have 78 doses of Moderna to be used within the next two weeks. Please call the KMHC at 450-638-3930 ext. 2295 and leave your name and phone number. We will arrange a vaccination time for you. We also have two upcoming vaccination clinics at the Kahnawake Sports Complex: July 28th and 29th – second doses primarily for Pfizer and first doses if requested. July 30th, second doses primarily for Moderna and first doses if requested.

A reminder again to get tested if you are experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms. This is the best and quickest way for Public Health to minimize the spread of the virus throughout the community and for us to continue to enjoy the relaxed measures that are currently in place.

The KMHC testing site is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. You can make an appointment by calling the KMHC at extension 2275 or 2296.

If you require information or clarification regarding Public Health measures please contact the local Public Health Team at KMHC at 438-836-5278 or 438-836-4853.