



COMMUNIQUÉ

Retail business operations to resume as of February 1, 2021

For immediate release

(Kahnawake - 26, Tsothorhkó:wa/January 2021) The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force (“the Task Force”) wishes to announce that retail business operations will be permitted to resume on February 1, 2021 with the expiration of Directive 55.

Please note that, for the duration of the Quebec curfew, **all establishments affected by this Directive must close their operations at 7:30pm**. This is being done to support healthcare establishments (overcrowding of hospitals), to help lower the overall impact of the pandemic (the number of cases in the surrounding communities), and to complement the province’s efforts in this regard. It is also important to note that the sale of tobacco products to non-locals remains prohibited after 7:30pm.

Businesses that can reopen:

- *All cigarette/tobacco stores*
- *All factories/manufacturing*
- *All retail businesses*
- *Hair salons and aesthetics*
- *Gymnasiums (with a limit of 8 persons per class), as per Directive 7.1*

Businesses that remain CLOSED:

- *In-house dining at restaurants*
- *Cigar lounges (in-house rooms)*
- *Bars/social clubs*
- *Gaming establishments*

Important: in preparation for the February 1st resumption of retail operations, all manufacturing businesses are permitted to resume operations on Wednesday, January 27th (tomorrow).

The increased measures put in place for January – along with community trust and respect of the measures – have helped to slow the spread of the virus within our community.

The Task Force is asking the business community to be extra vigilant in their efforts to ensure all health measures are strictly enforced. This includes daily health checks for all employees, ensuring that sick employees stay home and get tested when required, and, of course, to ensure masking, distance, and hygiene for all.

All measures taken have been put in place to help minimize the spread of the virus and to protect our most vulnerable. Working as a community, we can limit and manage its spread.

For more information on all Task Force Directives, please visit [Kahnawake911.com/directives](https://kahnawake911.com/directives).

Suggested Media

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