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Kahnawake schools, daycares, Youth Center and arena close as organizations address COVID-19

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(Kahnawake – 13, Enniskó:wa/March 2020) On behalf of the various organizations and services in the community, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform Kahnawà'kehró:non that all schools and daycares will be closed for at least the two weeks – similar to the situation throughout Quebec. The Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex and Kahnawà:ke Youth Center will also close immediately for the same period of time.

Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre has also taken measures to protect patients, staff and visitors. Of note, a screening process has been implemented for anyone entering the building.

A meeting was held earlier today, which included representatives from the MCK's Public Safety Division, Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre, Peacekeepers, Fire Brigade, Step-by-Step and educational authorities to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Collective efforts are underway and will continue on an ongoing basis until the crisis subsides.

With the increase in persons being in self-isolation protocol due to travel or potential contact with COVID-19, it was decided at the meeting that those providing essential services will continue their work evaluating impacts on staffing to ensure their ability to provide necessary services.

"We are working collectively to put together contingency plans to deal with COVID-19 in the most effective ways possible," said Commissioner of Public Safety Lloyd Phillips. "We are meeting on a daily basis and will make every effort possible to keep our population as safe and healthy as possible."

"Along with the **Kahnawake911** Facebook page, we will continue to use every means at our disposal to keep our people informed on the latest developments and how they impact Kahnawà:ke," Phillips added. "It is extremely important that people don't act on rumors or innuendo, so we ask that you tell your friends, family members and neighbors to use **Kahnawake911** as much as possible."

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