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## COMMUNIQUÉ

# Task Force Directive 61 will improve protection for vulnerable population

#### For immediate release

**(Kahnawake – 28, Onerahtókha/April 2021)** The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force wishes to advise the community that Directive 61 *Employees Working with a Vulnerable Clientele* has been enacted to ensure the maximum level of safety and protection of the most vulnerable Kahnawa'kehró:non.

(Click here to view Directive 61)

It is hereby directed that, until a return to normalcy, all employees that work with vulnerable clientele <u>must provide proof to their</u> <u>employer of one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination</u>:

- Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre
- KSCS
- Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade (Medical Transport, and paramedics); and
- Peacekeepers

This list also pertains to employees working in these organizations who have been reassigned from other locations or organizations.

Those employees who cannot provide proof of vaccination, or refuse to be vaccinated, must undergo screenings three (3) times per week. This measure significantly increases ability for early detection of COVID-19 and decreases significantly the risk of asymptomatic transmission. Employees refusing screening will be subject to additional measures within their organizations (see directive 61).

Due to the nature of the pandemic, Directive 61 over-rides organizational policy and remains valid throughout the State of Emergency, under the Kahnawake Emergency Preparedness Law.

From day one, the Task Force has been clear in its mandate: we must protect the most vulnerable. This is another measure in pursuit of that goal.

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Remember: DISTANCE - HYGIENE - MASK - VACCINATION - WELL-BEING