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COMMUNIQUÉ

Increased COVID-19 Measures due to local outbreaks

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 24, Tsothóhrha/December 2021) The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force (Task Force) and Public Health Team wish to advise the community that due to the ever-changing situation in the community, and the increasing number of positive cases, have made the decision to increase measures in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus.

The following measures are effective immediately:

- All gaming establishments/Bingo Hall to be closed as of **1am, December 25, 2021, to January 8, 2022**
- Gyms, aesthetics services, hair salons/barbershops, massage services, and other personal care services **closed until January 8, 2022**
- Churches limited attendance, **restricted to residents only**.
- Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre, **no visitation allowed**
- Tobacco Manufacturing **closed until January 8, 2022** (tobacco retail stores to remain open)

These new measures will be reevaluated by the Task Force on January 4, 2022.

At this time, the Task Force continues to work with the Public Health team to monitor the situation and will be meeting throughout the holidays in an effort to evaluate data and current measures.

The Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force will provide the community with updates when required.

As of December 24, at 11am, there were 69 confirmed positive cases (as many as 39 new positive cases with the last 24 hours), 10 positive rapid tests that we are aware of, with an unknown number of people in isolation (but estimated to be in the hundreds).

Additionally, for those workers impacted by these new measures can access KERM funding. For more information, please email Relief@mck.ca.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding and ask all Kahnawà:ke to continue following all COVID-19 measures and restrictions, limit contacts to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

For a complete list of up-to-date Measures in force, visit www.kahnawake911.com.