

PRESS RELEASE

Tewatohnni'saktha working closely with Kahnawà:ke Task Force to keep businesses open

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –Kahnawà:ke (Kentenhkó:wa/November 10, 2020) Tewatohnni'saktha has been working closely with the Kahnawà:ke Task Force to support the business community and prevent closures during this ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic. With the community on heightened alert, and Kahnawà:ke operating in the Pandemic Red Zone, there is a possibility that stricter business operating requirements may be put in place by the Task Force. They may also close businesses for safety reasons, similar to what was done in March, giving 24 to 48-hour notice. Our goal is to help provide businesses with as many options as possible to remain operational.

Should the Task Force enforce stricter measures, businesses may be able to **continue serving customers** with the following options:

- Reducing the number of customers allowed to enter the business.
- Increasing social distancing within the business to more than 6 feet.
- Installing a drive-through/take-out window.
- Adding additional plexi-glass to prohibit further contact with customers.

Should the Task Force enforce closures, businesses may continue to **operate without customers** with the following options:

- Implement curbside pick-up, delivery and/or online sales.

Businesses will also need to receive a secondary inspection by the Task Force following any new operational measures. Tewatohnni'saktha will continue to administer the Business Interruption Fund (BIF) for eligible fixed operating expenses should stricter measures be imposed by the Task Force and businesses are forced to close. Claims are reviewed on a case by case basis and submitted to the KERM Committee for approval. Business can apply for up to \$3,000 to cover additional fit-up modifications should stricter measures be imposed.

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