

## **JOINT RELEASE**

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## MCA & TRIBE EXTEND PAUSE ON IN-HOME WAKES & FUNERALS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) are notifying the community that they have made the careful and precautious decision to extend the restrictions on in-home wakes and funerals due to continued concerns of COVID-19 transmission.

The decision was not made lightly or without consideration of those the decision most impacts. We express our deepest sympathies to those who have lost a loved one.

The extension is until further notice, and both MCA and SRMT will continue to monitor and reassess the threat of COVID-19.

We thank you and extend our appreciation to those who are abiding by the safety recommendations and precautions. We are all in this together; let's help to keep one another safe.