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MCA & SRMT UNITE TO SHARE URGENCY OF VACCINATION AMID RISKS OF DELTA VARIANT

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe are jointly urging the community to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. New surges of cases worldwide caused by the highly contagious Delta variant are creating high risks to anyone who is unvaccinated, including young and healthy people. The Delta variant has been confirmed in Akwesasne.

“What we are learning is that individuals who may have previously been strong enough to fight COVID-19 off as a regular flu-like cold are now experiencing more serious illness and hospitalization due to the Delta variant’s strength,” said the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. “We are emphatically advising all community members 12 and over to access the best defense there is against this disease – vaccination.”

The MCA and SRMT are working together to strategize on ways to help the community avoid a 4th wave of infection or deaths. It is the unanimous opinion of both Councils that vaccinations are safe, effective, and necessary in this pandemic.

“We need our community members to weigh facts against fears,” said the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council. “We sincerely understand the emotions behind vaccine hesitation, but we can’t emphasize enough that the benefits of vaccination far outweigh any risks, and that your chance of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19 is the reality.”

Both councils encourage the community to consider the risk to children under the age of 12 who cannot yet receive the vaccine, and also those who are unable to be vaccinated due to medical reasons. You can protect them while also protecting yourself.

Please make informed decisions based on facts and science; vaccinations work. It’s your future, your community, your culture and your children. Help us reach community immunity and make your vaccine appointment today. We truly are all in this together.

AKWESASNE VACCINE CLINICS

Every Wednesday

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe – Register by calling: 518-333-0230

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne – Register by calling: 613-575-2341 ext. 3220