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MCA & SRMT Urge Caution During Halloween Weekend

AKWESASNE -- With Halloween taking place this upcoming weekend, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council are urging Akwesasne residents to please prevent a repeat of last year's spike in COVID-19 cases. We encourage everyone to help keep this year's Halloween safe and enjoyable by adhering to the following protective measures:

In lieu of going door-to-door throughout the community, please consider participating in the 4th Annual Halloween Road on Wednesday, October 27th or the Drive-thru Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 29th. Halloween Road takes place at the Tewathahitha Walking Trail from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for children ages 0 to 6 years-old; while Trunk-or-Treat will be along Margaret Terrance Memorial Way beginning at 5:30 p.m.

If you choose to do traditional trick-or-treating, we highly urge you to please remain in your neighborhood, district, or in your family or social bubble. Staying in your immediate area will help prevent clusters and crowding of people.

To help limit interactions that can lead to transmissions, please place a sign in your window indicating if you have candy, or not. You may also choose to keep your outside light on or off to visually indicate if you're accepting trick-or-treaters.

- We also ask that you please adhere to the following COVID-19 safety guidelines:
- Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters,
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible,
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take,
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently,
- Stay at least 6-feet apart from others,
- Wear a cloth mask, and
- PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK.

Ultimately, each family must make the best decision in regards to Halloween, so the above is provided as recommended steps we can all take to remain healthy and safe. For more helpful tips, please see MCA's Halloween Special Edition of Onkwe'ta:ke.

As a friendly reminder, if you suspect exposure to a positive case, please self-quarantine and get tested no sooner than seven (7) after the event. Please make an appointment with MCA's Community Health Program by calling (613) 575-2341 extension 3220; or attend the SRMT

PCR Test Collection Clinics from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at their main campus located at 404 State Route 37.

If you are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, immediately contact your healthcare provider. Do not drive to the clinic or hospital without calling first. Some of the symptoms to monitor for include diarrhea, fever/chills, headaches and body aches, cough, nausea and vomiting, sore throat, and or a loss of taste or smell.

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