



Tsi Tehshakotitsén:tha Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre

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KMHC invites community members to register for a family doctor

For immediate release

(Kahnawake – 26, Ohiarikhó:wa/July 2023) *Tsi Tehshakotitsén:tha Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre* (KMHC) wishes to invite community members who do not have a Family Doctor to visit an in-person information kiosk taking place next Tuesday, 01 Seskéha/August from 9:30am to 1:30pm in the lobby of the *Caisse Populaire Kahnawà:ke*.

Kahnawà:ke currently has a unique opportunity for its members to be registered to a Family Doctor. Five physicians have joined KMHC's team in 2022, and we are expecting two more this fall. Community members who have not already done so are strongly encouraged to register for a Family Doctor as soon as possible. It is important to note that, if your doctor has left or will be leaving the KMHC, you will need to register for a new one – one is NOT assigned automatically. The information kiosk will provide an excellent opportunity to either register on-site, or ask questions about the process and benefits. Other dates and locations for future kiosks will be announced as the dates approach.

“We estimate that less than 70% of members with active files at KMHC are registered to a Family Doctor, whereas over 80% of Quebecers have access to a physician,” said Dr. Rachael Eniojukan, KMHC's Director of Professional Services. “Our main goal is to ensure as many community members as possible register to ensure more efficient health care services for themselves and, in many cases, their children.”

It is well known that having a Family physician improves overall health outcomes and includes benefits such as:

- Better access to medical services,
- Early intervention of health concerns,
- Preventative healthcare services (screening tests, detecting health problems before symptoms start, routine checkups, and counselling to prevent illness, disease, and injury),
- Chronic healthcare management (monitoring chronic health conditions, adjusting treatment plans to stop chronic health conditions from getting worse, and providing information and support to the patient and caregivers).

“There are so many benefits of having a Family Doctor, such as helping you gain access to specialized medical services and medical specialists, coordinating care with other health professionals, advocating for their patients and – very important – providing assistance with navigating the healthcare system,” Dr. Eniojukan added. “Do not miss out on this opportunity, and please inform your loved ones who do not have a Family Doctor.”

KMHC's Director of Professional Services, Dr. Eniojukan and Executive Director, Valerie Diabo will be on site at the kiosk to assist and answer questions.

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For any questions about the INFORMATION KIOSK, please contact:

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