

Today's Take-Aways

Regional Updates

- With a new provincial State of Emergency and Stay-At-Home order in effect and 523 patients in critical care throughout Ontario, the pandemic situation is on the brink of critical. If the number of patients in critical care reaches 600-650 we will be at maximum capacity for our province's hospitals which will mean a strain not only on our healthcare system but on our Human Resources required to care for these patients.

In the Greater Toronto Area there are an unforeseen number of transfers taking place of patients requiring ICU beds and their length of stay is in the range of 16-18 days on average.

In the Ottawa area there are 39 patients in critical care and elective surgeries are being impacted in some hospitals including Queensway-Carleton and The Ottawa Hospital.

As we have done at times over the past month, our hospital anticipates being asked to onboard additional patients from the Ottawa area so we are prepared to step up and assist our regional partners as necessary.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

- Our vaccination clinics continue to be scheduled once or twice per week, based on provincial allocation of vaccine doses, however if the allocation increase we may need to ramp up the number of clinics we are hosting.

- Additional groups eligible for pre-registration and vaccination bookings continue to roll out although we still aren't fully aligned with the provincial schedule of eligibility.

Status of Family Caregiver / Care Partner Policy

- Changes were made to this policy prior to Easter weekend. Now with the Stay-At-Home order in place we are planning to continue to allow one essential caregiver/care partner per patient unless otherwise directed by public health.

Infection Prevention and Control

- Please note that a memo is being issued today with regards to significant updates to universal eye protection protocols.

Occupational Health and Safety

- As COVID positive cases rise in the community and the variants are making their presence felt, staff are reminded to answer the screening questions accurately. When you are uncertain how to answer, contact Occupational Health and Safety to discuss your situation. Don't ignore the symptoms you may be experiencing or assume that they will "go away". While we understand that staff wish to support their co-workers and their team, which may already be short-staffed, by coming to work, the consequences of working while symptomatic could be far more significant.

Today's Take-Aways Continued

Other News:

Human Resources

- As a way of addressing the RN shortage across the organization, development of a team model in the ICU and on the Medical and Rehabilitation units is taking place. More details to come.

Project Updates

- BioMed Tech Jacob Dickerson is starting to unpack the 139 Plum 360 Infusion Systems. Pictured at right, he is with some of the new pumps. This is all part of the internal working group's tasks to get the equipment and drug library software up and running before our June roll-out across the hospital.



- The medication rooms on Rehab and 2nd medical have been renovated to accommodate the new med carts and the ward stock unit dose storage (Pictured below). This is all part of the broader medication process transformation work. The layout of the rooms were changed, storage bins installed, and a swipe access door was installed on Rehab. A special thanks to Dean, Rachel and Maintenance staff for making this happen!



Rehabilitation Deck

- As the weather starts to improve, plans are underway to get the new Rehab Deck furnished and opened so that it can be enjoyed by all. Stay tuned for more details!

Environmental Services

- With the arrival of the nicer weather we have allocated additional resources to grounds maintenance. Thanks to all those assisting with this who are doing a great job!

Maintenance

- Please be advised that Hamilton Haulage will be sweeping the Deacon Street staff parking lot on Friday, April 9th after 3 p.m. and the Tower C back parking area on April 10th after 3 p.m. During these times you are asked to avoid parking in these lots. Note that staff coming in for the day are fine to leave after 3 p.m. or at the end of their work day. We just want to avoid having staff who work in the evening and night shift to park in these parking lots while the sweeping is on-going. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

PRH Auxiliary

- The Mural Café will remain open regular hours during the four-week provincial Stay-At-Home order with COVID safety measures in place. The Gift Shop, however, will only be open for TV rentals Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-4 p.m.

Foundation News



PRH CATCH THE ACE

www.prhcatchtheace.ca

Catch the Ace tickets are on sale at the Mural Café on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30am until 2pm. Thank you to our volunteers who make this possible. You can also visit www.prhcatchtheace.ca to purchase your tickets. Proceeds support our *Cancer Care Campaign*.



To honour the life of loved ones, the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation created a special tribute wall here at the Hospital. Located in Tower B, the wall offers families an opportunity to have a permanent plaque inscribed in memory of their loved ones. Special rates for staff are available. Contact the Foundation Office at 613-732-2811 ext. 7408 or email foundation@prh.email for more information.



• Medical would like to celebrate **Sue Smith from LDRP** who came to Medical to help out, but jumped right in and took an assignment. It was greatly appreciated.



All staff are welcome to join us for our upcoming Mindfulness sessions

April 9, 20 / May 7, 18

In The PRH Chapel (3rd Floor, Tower A)
At 12 noon (20 minutes in length)
Facilitated by Kate Mooney

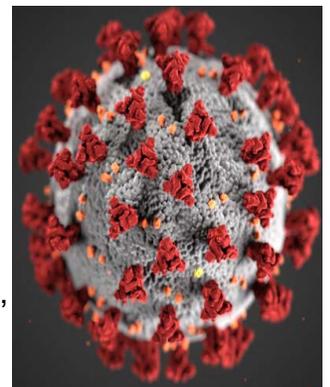
The session will also be broadcast on Zoom and shared via a YouTube link.

Zoom coordinates will be circulated on The Loop and via PRH email.



Current Facts and Figures

- **Renfrew County:** 31 active cases, 4 deaths, 80,521 tests completed (as of April 5th)
- **Ottawa:** 1,948 active cases, 470 deaths
- **Ontario:** 35,553 active cases, 7,494 deaths



WEEK #7 WINNER!

Congratulations
Caitlin Dennis
\$2,520

Winning ticket
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Card #13 -
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How was your day?

Stressful

Scary

Exhausting

Busy

Sad

Healthcare workers are at the front lines of the COVID pandemic. Increased feelings of stress, worry and anxiety are normal under these conditions. Support is available to help you cope.



COVID Frontline Wellness

provides confidential access to services and tools to support your mental wellbeing.

Just book an appointment online and one of our clinicians will call you to discuss your needs and connect you with the supports that are right for you.

For more information and to book go to:
www.theroyal.ca/covid-frontline-wellness

It's simple. It's confidential. It will help.

If you are a health care worker* impacted by stress related to COVID-19, please reach out.

* Any worker in a hospital, long-term care facility, retirement or group home, Paramedic service, primary care or community health care setting. You must reside in Ontario to access this service.



PRH Staff Association Treat Day Featuring 70g Bag Of Ottawa Valley Roast House Coffee

Paddler's Portage description: Let this smooth blend lift your spirits with its subtle notes of chocolate and delightful clean finish. Whether you're in the office or out for your weekend adventure, this blend will help you conquer even the toughest Mondays. Adventure awaits!

Distribution Times/Locations:

Friday, April 9th,

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(The Lunch Box, Tower A, 2nd Floor)

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(B446, Tower B, 4th Floor Link)

