

Today's Take-Aways

Regional Updates

- It has been brought to our attention that patients are visiting regional emergency departments and their family physicians seeking exemption letters for mask wearing and exemption orders from work due to having compromised immune systems. In response to this we are expecting to see some communication coming out from the College of Physicians and Surgeons as well as our local Public Health Unit. We will share some of this messaging with the public through our communication channels when it becomes available in order to discourage these visits.

- There is a lot of work being done to standardize communications and process around symptom management, particularly as schools are now reopening. This includes directing people to contact their family physician first if they have one, versus potentially overwhelming the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre with calls and requests for testing. Hospitals are also dealing with a number of Human Resources issues around this as well.

ALC (Alternate Level of Care) Patients

- Our own situation in terms of ALC patients has not been as challenging in the last couple of days, however it remains a big issue regionally and lots of work is being done to find alternative solutions that could not only benefit our hospital but others in the region as well.

Human Resources

- The final Pandemic Pay paperwork is being processed and the final payment date for those staff eligible to receive payment will be September 18th. A reminder that any questions about Pandemic Pay should be sent to .

Long-Term Care

- A small team will be visiting Valley Manor in Barry's Bay next week to assist them in implementing additional infection control measures in an older infrastructure.

Staff Screening

- A reminder that there will no longer be active staff screening at the staff entrance. All staff are to use the electronic screening tool which can be found on the Staff Resources section of the hospital's website. Anyone not using the tool will have to fill out a paper copy to keep with them in case asked as part of daily audits. With electronic screening in place for staff, Plant Services will be allowing staff access to some additional entrances that have swipe access.

Visitor Policy

- The Visitor Policy has been amended to allow patients to have a visit from their clergy/faith leader if the request for this visit has been approved by the Spiritual Care Coordinator and they have passed the screening at the hospital entrance. This is in addition to the one designated Family Caregiver/Care Partner per patient per day.

Today's Take Aways...Continued From Front

Supply Status

- Given the current stability of the supply of most of our PPE products, we are going to pause regular reporting on this item unless a particular issue arises. Currently, work is being done at the regional level to arrange a solution, albeit an expensive one, to the current glove shortage.

Clinical News

- Development of a "Ramp Down" plan continues which will outline the process for reducing services in various programs should additional staffing be required in other areas or if staff are needed to redeploy to long-term care and retirement home settings.

- Waiting rooms – A short-term committee has been created to review and address management of waiting rooms and how they can adhere to COVID safety measures. Various alternatives are being looked and explored. As part of this, new signage has been posted in the atrium corridor outside of Zone B to indicate the location of additional waiting room space (a total of seven chairs). This expansion of the Zone B waiting room seating has, unfortunately, resulted in a reduction of the number of tables and chairs in this area where staff were having breaks. The Lunch Box on 2nd floor, Tower A continues to have enough capacity as an alternate meal/break location. The DI waiting area in Tower B is also being looked at as an overflow space for the ED waiting room.

- Emergency Department/ICU – Some work is being done with regards to the number of negative pressure rooms in both of these areas.

- Diagnostic Imaging – The department is currently operating at nearly 100% capacity of pre-COVID volume. With a reduced number of visitors accompanying patients, the department has been able to manage well in terms of waiting room space.

Food Services

- Effective September 15th, Food Services staff will return to non-isolation patient rooms for menu selection and meal delivery which will also include a mix of hot and cold menu items.

- Additional hot meals will soon be reintroduced in The Lunch Box for staff.

Communications

- As a followup to recent discussions about pandemic communication at huddles throughout the organization, a summary of findings and action items will be shared with staff in the coming week.

- As we prepare to improve and update the hospital's Intranet, we will be seeking input on what staff like about the current platform and what could be improved including content suggestions. Please take a moment to review the current Intranet to assist with feedback.



PRH Staff Association Treat Day

Featuring 1/2 Dozen Smith's Corn

Monday, September 14th,

11am-1pm and 3:30-4:30pm

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

Non-members or those wishing to purchase additional corn can do so directly from the vendor at \$3/half dozen or \$6/dozen.



Tower A:

- The fibre optic data cabling was installed in the 4th floor West Wing and this completes this renovation.
- In the 1st floor former Lab storage corridor, the painting was completed on the walls, ceiling and floor. Work started on installing new LED lighting fixtures and receptacles in the storage corridor.
- On September 14th, the contractor, Simluc, will start work on replacing the roofs on the penthouse and on the main building. A cold tar process with no Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) will be used instead of a hot torch process due to the risks of the smell entering the ventilation systems of the hospital.
- New LED lighting fixtures and conduits were installed inside the penthouse. The poor lighting was flagged as a health and safety issue.

Tower B:

- Rehab roof/deck project: The new membrane was installed on the last remaining grouted portion. The roof is now completely sealed and the water leaks have stopped. The buckets, hoses, and tarps have been removed in the rooms below. Work started on installing new ceiling tiles to replace the ones damaged by the water leakage. Ceiling exploration work was conducted to locate all the drains and determine if additional ones were required or if existing drains needed to be moved to better locations. Two new drains will be installed in the Echo and Stress Testing rooms in order to minimize the ponding on the roof. The electrical contractor installed the wiring for the bollards. A plumber examined the drains with a scope video camera and found a few blockages in the lines which were removed.

Tower C:

- Stairwell N1 by the Boardroom was painted.

Tower D:

- The lighting inside the drop fixtures in the main glass lobby area were upgraded to LED.

D'Youville Warehouse:

- The exit doors on the back wall of the main warehouse and in the former OR pack room were repaired. These doors expanded with the heat of the sun and could not be opened in an emergency. They were a health and safety concern.



The Un-Gala @ Home Online Auction is LIVE!
See our Facebook page for details.

Un-Gala @ Home Early Bird ticket sales ends Thursday, September 10th at 12pm. Purchase your tickets before then to win a customised dining room transformation for the night of the Un-Gala.

Employee Discounts



Looking for staff discounts?

All staff discounts, employee offers, promotional codes and other PRH perks can now be found on the Staff Resources section of the PRH website:

<https://www.pemreghos.org/staffdiscounts>

What discounts are there?

PRH Staff Association / Insurance Providers
Local Health and Fitness Facilities / CAA
Scrubs / Access Perks / Perkopolis
Park 'n Fly and more...



COVID Alert

Download the app to protect yourself and your community.

The COVID Alert app lets you know if you may have been exposed to the virus. You can then get tested and keep you and your community safe. The app is voluntary: The more people who choose to use it, the more effective we will be at stopping the spread of COVID-19.



COVID Alert is:

- **Free.** Download it in Apple and Google app stores.
- **Easy to use.** Install it and stay safe on your daily journey.
- **Safe and private.** It never collects your health information, location, or identity.



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Recent Guardian Angels

Dr. Debbie Timpson
Dr. Kathy Reducka
Connie Chippure
Dr. Margarita Lianeri
Caitlyn Risto (Rehab)
Matthew Savage (Rehab)
Tracylee McTaggart
(Rehab)
Dean Quade (Rehab)



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Medical 2A

August 25 - Celebrating **Crystal Godin**, our Unit Clerk, who does such a fantastic job at educating visitors about the COVID precautions and teaching visitors how to properly use the PPE!

Surgical

September 8 - Welcome to **Erin Harrison** - first day on her own in the Surgical department. We are so happy to have you on our team!

You are invited to a Virtual Lunch & Learn

“Palliative Approach to Care at PRH”

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 via Zoom

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99595508047>

Meeting ID: 995 9550 8047

Dial by your location

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This webinar will review your colleagues' experiences thus far with Goals of Care documentation, as well as next steps.

If you have further questions, please contact:
Coralie Mackay or Laurie Menard.



Electronic Staff Self-Screening Tool

- Before arriving at work, you must complete the online self-screening questionnaire (located on the Staff Resources section of the PRH website) or via the QR code below, or fill out a paper copy at the staff entrance.
- If you pass screening, you will be able to come in to work, if you fail screening, you will be asked to contact Occupational Health and Safety at ext. 8200
- Staff entering PRH via the staff entrance will be able to wear a cloth mask from home until they reach their workplace and can switch out for a procedure mask.
- Staff entering through any other entrance where active screening remains will be asked to show their electronic screening email or fill out a paper form so screening can be tracked.



Current Facts and Figures

- PRH - 0 COVID positive patients
- Renfrew County:
 - 3 active cases, 1 death
 - 23,968 tests completed
 - For more detail visit www.rcdhu.com.
- Ontario:
 - 4,353 active cases, 2,813 deaths
 - 3,188,667 tests completed
 - For more detail visit www.ontario.ca.

 **Week #8 Winner**
 Congratulations
Dave Leahy
 Weekly Pot \$1,002
 Winning ticket #H-6963014
 Card #27 - 7 of Hearts

Week 9 Draw is now LIVE!
 Progressive Jackpot now **\$12,450** and climbing
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