

Today's Take-Aways

Please note that, once again, there are a lot of COVID-related changes and new information coming out that impact our operations. It is imperative that everyone takes some time to regularly check their hospital email for updates along with the bi-weekly edition of The Pulse newsletter.

Regional Updates

- Following the issue of Directive No. 6 by the Ministry of Health which directed hospitals to implement policies about staff vaccination status, our hospital, in alignment with those in Renfrew County and the Champlain region have gone one step further to implement a mandatory vaccination policy for our health care team. A memo with regards to this new policy has gone out this afternoon and applies to everyone working at PRH regardless of role.
- Hospitals in the Champlain region have had some discussions around implementation of a mandatory vaccination policy for visitors and essential caregivers or care partners. While there were original plans to put this in place effective September 7th, it has been agreed that decisions on this will be deferred in light of the September 1st provincial announcement regarding vaccine passports etc.

Infection Prevention and Control / Occupational Health and Safety

- With the new Vaccination Policy coming into effect Tuesday, September 7th, staff and physicians requiring testing will have to pick up their Rapid Antigen Testing kits before that date. Kits will be available in Occupational Health and Safety, Tower C, Room C021, September 3rd (7 am - 3:30 pm) and September 6th (9 am - 3 pm). After hours, kits will be available at the Emergency Department Screening Station. Please note that all testing needs to be done within 48 hours of the start of your shift.
- Significant changes are scheduled to be made to our screening tools next week. This will include changes to the symptom list. Stay tuned for more information on this and be sure to pay close attention to the revised questions.
- Changes are also anticipated with regards to the policies and procedures for contact tracing and the differences for those who are vaccinated versus unvaccinated.
- Given the changing situation with the virus and the variant, additional precautions may need to be implemented this fall. Stay tuned to IPAC communications for any of these and how they may impact the clinical units.
- There appear to be some issues around where and when to use eye protection. Staff are asked to please refer to the policies around this or ask their manager if unsure.
- One of the metrics monitored by your JHSC is the number of violent incidents that occur in the hospital. At the last meeting, it was mentioned that not all incidents might be reported or they might not be entered in RIMS.

Today's Take-Aways Continued

The JHSC would like to remind staff that any incident of violence should generate an Occupational Health and Safety Report, even if there is no injury to a staff member. This way, incidents can be accurately tracked. If the incident involves a patient injury or another patient (patient on patient) then a RIMS report should also be generated.

Departmental Updates:

Project Updates

- Medication Carts were implemented on Medical 3B this week. Thanks again to Amanda, Rachel, IT and their amazing teams.
- Thank you to everyone who worked to prepare areas for asbestos abatement related to the Cancer Care Renovation. The bulk of the abatement is finished, with only one last room to complete.
- Thank you to DI staff and physicians who are participating in the procurement of replacement equipment. We are discussing equipment configuration with our preferred vendors in preparation for final negotiations in late September and early October.

Medical Program

- The department is excited to share that they will be resuming bedside patient rounds next week versus. Bedside rounds had been put on hold and conducted at the nursing station as part of COVID safety measures.

Environmental Services

- The team is excited to launch a new staff-based campaign that focuses on enhanced communication and teamwork skills within the workplace. Staff worked together to develop goals for the campaign and are also launching a department-based recognition program for those who demonstrate the various skills. Other departments are also looking at implementing a similar program.



PRH Staff Association Treat Day

Featuring A Bag Of 1/2 Dozen Of Smith's Corn

Distribution Times/Locations:

Tuesday, September 14th,

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

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Non-members or those wishing to purchase additional corn can do so directly from the vendor at \$3.50/half dozen.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

1. Since it's holiday season, please ensure those on your pre-order list WILL BE HERE to receive theirs.
2. Pre-orders should be placed for large groups, however, individuals can pre-order too.
3. Pre-order lists must be emailed to carolyn.levesque@prh.email by 12 p.m. September 10th.
4. Pre-orders can be picked up during the distribution times on September 14th.
5. If you don't pre-order, you CAN still pick up your item on distribution day WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.
6. Please note that groups who pre-order are responsible for ensuring staff on their lists get their items.



GRATITUDE

• I was very impressed with **Annette Davidson's** crisis intervention skills during a Code White. She fostered least intrusive measures while maintaining patient and staff safety. Well done Annette.
Michael Peters

• Home and Community Care Support Services Champlain would like to celebrate **Ashley Acker**. This past weekend there were many discharges from the Medical units and Ashley ensured all home care referrals were faxed ensuring a smooth transition home.

• Celebrating **Anna and Gabrielle** for all their social work support on Medical. They have been such a great help. *Kirsten Woito*

• *Shared by Dr. Colleen Haney* - We received a card from one of our patients that received her work up and surgical treatment for her breast cancer in Pembroke. Just wanted to pass along her appreciation for the team. "I felt I was treated with respect, compassion and dignity...I was impressed with the friendly atmosphere of the Pembroke Regional Hospital - as I was wheeled around to radiology and the OR I noticed the staff greeting each other as they passed in the halls. It seems like a small thing but it indicated to me that people enjoyed their work and cared for each other."

• Celebrating **Kim Haley** for her collaboration with regards to the TGLN process improvement.
Dianne O'Connor

• Thank you to **Amanda Godin and her team, Nicole Jansen and Robyn Cassidy** for coming in to help with the med cart transition, IT team, summer students - **Maddy and Charles**, and also to **Rebecca Allen and Madison Smelko** who helped support on Sunday night. Everything seemed to go smoothly. *Rachel England*

• Thanks to **Nicole Jansen** for helping out on 2A as we were short a unit clerk. Your help was much appreciated - Medical staff.

• Celebrating **Melissa Hellmig (Diagnostic Imaging)** who was recently awarded and recognized with a leadership award through a provincial professional association - the *Mary F. Cameron Leadership Award*. Her acceptance video can be found on YouTube <https://youtu.be/1YOR21MPR30>.



End of Summer Hospital-Wide Frosty Treat Day At PRH Thursday, September 9th 1:30-2:30 p.m. The Lunch Box

Featuring Dairy Queen Dilly Bars!

To expedite pickup of these, departments are asked to pre-order the number required for those working ALL shifts Sept. 9th - be sure to include others in your department (physicians, students etc.)

All pre-orders must be submitted by 4 p.m. Friday, September 3rd as we need to place the order with DQ.

We don't need names - just the total number required.

If individuals are unable to be part of a group order, they are still required to pre-order so we know how many to purchase.

NOTE - these are FROZEN items and must be kept in a freezer if not immediately consumed.



For Staff Working Offsite:
Directors/Managers Are Welcome To Purchase
Similar Frozen Treats, Then Forward Receipts To
Carolyn Levesque For Reimbursement.

This event is compliments of Pembroke Regional Hospital



COVID Clinic Vaccination Team Celebrates Achievement At The Pembroke Memorial Centre August 31st

Approximately 130 of the PMC COVID Clinic Vaccination Team came together at the PMC Tuesday evening to celebrate the end of the mass vaccination clinic and the tremendous effort that it took to pull it off.



Guardian Angels Crystal Thompson



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Congratulations

WEEK #5 WINNER

Barb Kalil

\$1,429

TICKET #E-3269201

Card #31

Revealed: 2 of Hearts

www.prhcatchtheace.ca



Congratulations

WEEK #6 WINNER

Julie Nickerson

\$1,477

TICKET #F-3152125

Card #44

Revealed: 6 of Clubs

www.prhcatchtheace.ca

Next weeks ESTIMATED Jackpot, if the Ace is caught is over: \$14,000!



Current Facts and Figures

- **Renfrew County:** 1 active case, 10 deaths
- **Ottawa:** 237 active cases, 593 deaths
- **Ontario:** 15,561 active cases, 9,530 deaths

Foundation News

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The Virtual Event of the Year! Tickets are on sale now for the 2021 *Un-Gala @ Home* event on Saturday, October 16th! Get Your tickets now here: www.prhfoundation.com/ungala




Trillium
Gift of Life
Network

TGLN has released **new** provincially mandatory elearning modules for healthcare providers in Ontario. There are **2 modules** to complete depending on your unit (regular unit floors shown below or units that care for mechanically ventilated patients):

Module 1 - TGLN Orientation Module - complete one time only

This Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) module is required for all non-critical care healthcare staff to complete. This is a one time course that is approximately 30 minutes long. This course introduces healthcare staff to their role in organ and tissue donation in non-critical care environments.

 Trillium Gift of Life Network (Ontario Health) - Introduction to Organ and Tissue Donation - Non-Ventilated Units (Floors) Orientation

Module 2 - TGLN - annual refresher course

This module from Trillium Gift of Life Network (TLGN) is a refresher course to be completed yearly.

 Trillium Gift of Life Network (Ontario Health) - Non-Ventilated Units (Floors) Refresher

Please complete these new modules in your elearning portfolio