

Today's Take-Aways

PLEASE NOTE - Due to a scheduling change in the frequency of PRH management meetings where COVID and non-COVID related news items are shared, The Pulse is going to transition to a bi-weekly publication after today.

As a result, the next edition will be published on Thursday, August 19th. Should the volume of news ramp up, the publication frequency of The Pulse newsletter will once again be amended.

Regional Updates

- Regionally and throughout the province, a lack of amended guidance on a number of pandemic related policies and procedures for the health care sectors is causing some issues and resulting in a number of hospitals and health care facilities developing their own policies and procedures to address items such as policies around vaccinated versus unvaccinated staff.

It is anticipated that local discussions could take place on some of these matters in the coming weeks to determine, in conjunction with public health, if some updates to guidance in our region could be developed and at least aligned within Renfrew County hospitals.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

- As mass clinics ramp down, and the vaccination distribution transitions to both primary care settings and pharmacies, it is anticipated that some local messaging may centre around the remaining unvaccinated population which is anticipated to be comprised of approximately 17,000 people – many of whom are in the 12-40 year age category.

Critical Care

- Despite the recent transition which has enabled COVID-positive patients to be cared for on the most appropriate clinical unit, PRH continues to be the designated hospital for those COVID positive individuals requiring hospitalization.

Departmental Updates:

- Increasing patient volumes are being seen throughout the organization. This is coupled with broad-based staffing challenges during the peak vacation period.
- Organization wide we are anticipating a ramp up of student places starting September 17th.

Emergency Department / ICU

- The ED continues to see high volumes of patients however the use of Zone B is helping to decrease the length of stay for those assessed as having lower acuity reasons for their visit.
- Staff and families are appreciating the increased number of visitors allowed for those patients who are receiving end-of-life care.

Today's Take-Aways Continued

Diagnostic Imaging

- Wait times for MRI are on the rise despite the additional funded hours provided by the Ministry of Health.
- The department is also exploring ways to improve the availability of Ultrasound appointments for ED patients and reduce wait times for that modality.

Food Services

- Some discussions around the re-opening of the cafeteria to the public took place however, since there are currently no measures in place allowing visitors to consume food on the premises or in patient rooms, this decision has been deferred until further guidance has been provided.

GRATITUDE

Medical

- Celebrating Rachel Everett from ED who came to 2A to help out with patient care – your help was greatly appreciated!
- Sharon Allain and Andre Renaud for helping me out last week! – *Rachel England*

PMC COVID Vaccination Team Enjoys Another Sponsored Meal

A very special thank you is extended to the team at Bradley Law for their generous sponsorship of a meal today for our Vaccination Clinic Team at the PMC which was catered by The Kitchen Eatery.

A message to the team from Matt Bradley: "Thank you to all of the volunteers and frontline healthcare providers for your generous contribution to our vaccination effort in Renfrew County. My Pembroke team had the privilege of attending the PMC clinic to receive our vaccines and were so impressed with the efficient organization and the friendly group of people who assisted us throughout the process. Congratulations on a job well done!"



Another Auxiliary Project

PEMBROKE REGIONAL AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP ANNOUNCES ITS

SUMMER 2021 SALES

40 % OFF REGULAR PRICES

JULY 5TH TO JULY 18TH

SUNGLASSES, SCARVES, HATS & PURSES

JULY 19TH TO AUGUST 1ST

BABY, GIFTWARE & JEWELLERY

AUGUST 2ND TO AUGUST 15TH

SHOES, CLOTHING & SLEEPWEAR

50% OFF

AUGUST 16TH TO AUGUST 31ST

ALL REGULAR PRICED STORE MERCHANDISE



The PRH Auxiliary is excited to announce that in-person BINGO at Delta BINGO and Gaming Pembroke resumes on August 23rd!

Delta BINGO and Gaming supports the Auxiliary in their fundraising endeavours for our hospital.

Your participation helps your hospital!

Welcome back!

Delta Pembroke

BINGO RESUMES: AUGUST 23, 2021!

Available Sessions:

Monday & Tuesday | 1pm

Thursday & Friday | 7pm



Do You Have A COVID-19 Question?

Email: covid19questions@prh.email

Would you like to celebrate or express gratitude to a group or individual?

Email: celebration&recognition@prh.email

For other questions/concerns, contact Infection Prevention and Control (ext. 7106) or Occupational Health and Safety at (ext. 7202).



WHAT'S ON
the
MENU

DAILY MENU

AUGUST 9-13, 2021

AUGUST 9: BEEF STEW WITH A BUN WITH PEAS

AUGUST 10: BEEF LASAGNA WITH CAESAR SALAD

AUGUST 11: SWEET & SOUR MEATBALLS WITH SCALLOPED POTATOES AND GREEN BEANS

AUGUST 12: SANTA FE FLAT BREAD PIZZA

AUGUST 13: DIP AND DUST FISH WITH POTATO WEDGES AND COLESLAW



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...

As a member, you can

SAVE UP TO 20%
on your next stay at Great Wolf Lodge

You're going to love winding down our waterslides, dining in one of our fantastic restaurants and building family traditions. All of our lodges include a colossal, 29° indoor waterpark, daily activities, spacious family suites and much more. So clear your calendar and head to Great Wolf Lodge.

To take advantage of this offer, simply provide your unique offer code when booking, and present a valid work or member ID or documentation at check-in.

PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL
Offer Code: PEMBIG8

Guardian Angels

Lisa Keon



Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation  Fondation de l'Hôpital Régional de Pembroke



PRH Staff Association Treat Day

Featuring A Pint Of Hugli's Blueberries

Distribution Times/Locations:

Wednesday, August 11th,

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

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

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(B446, Tower B, 4th Floor Link)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

1. Since it's holiday season, please ensure those on your pre-order list WILL BE HERE to receive their blueberries - we base our purchase numbers on pre-orders plus a % extra so there is no wastage.
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. August 9th.
4. Pre-orders can be picked up during the distribution times on August 11th.
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.
7. To ensure we have enough treats for those who want them, please refrain from collecting a treat if you don't want it. Hosting monthly treat days is only financially feasible when not every member collects a treat every month.



Current Facts and Figures

- **Renfrew County:** 7 active cases, 9 deaths
- **Ottawa:** 52 active cases, 593 deaths
- **Ontario:** 11,050 active cases, 9,360 deaths

Foundation News

Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation  Fondation de l'Hôpital Régional de Pembroke



Tickets are on sale now for the 2021 *Un-Gala @ Home* event on Saturday, October 16th! Buy your tickets before August 30th to get entered into the Early Bird Draw for a custom dining room décor package for the Un-Gala courtesy of Parvati & Athena. Get Your tickets now here: www.prhfoundation.com/ungala



Catch the Ace 3.0 Week 3 has begun! Get your tickets at the Mural Café on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30am-2pm or online anytime at www.prhcatchtheace.ca. Draw closes at midnight on Tuesdays and the winner is announced live on our Facebook page at 10am on Wednesdays.