

# The Pulse

July 15, 202

## Today's Take-Aways

#### **Regional Updates**

• Effective tomorrow (July 16), significant changes are being made in the long-term care sector with regards to Visitor Policies, required PPE, testing requirements and other COVID-19 safety measures. It is anticipated that some of these changes may be considered in for adoption in hospitals in the coming weeks, particularly in respect to the Visitor Policy. As always, we will wait for provincial guidance on this and look to align with the region on any amendments.

#### Acute Care

• Our Acute Care group will be meeting more frequently in the coming weeks in order to have discussions around a number of decision points that will need to take place including amendments to the Visitor Policy, and questions around the reintroduction of volunteers to our health care team. All hospitals are currently having similar discussions and are awaiting provincial guidance in these and other areas of discussion.

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution**

• Renfrew County is doing very well in terms of public vaccination with approximately 80% of the population receiving a first dose and over 50% fully vaccinated with two doses. It is anticipated that there are approximately 14,000 residents left to receive a second dose, with about 6,000 of those being from the Pembroke and Petawawa areas. As we near completion of our mass vaccination program we are facing more challenges with additional no-shows and difficulties ensuring that all appointment spots are booked.

Over the next few weeks we will be ramping down our clinics and we are anticipating that by the end of July we may only be offering one or two small clinics per week. Complete wrap up at the PMC may occur by mid-August.

#### **PRH Vaccination Survey**

 Last chance to help your department win a catered coffee break! Today's the last day to complete the survey and let us know your vaccination status!

#### https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9MHMKV

#### **Infection Prevention and Control**

• A reminder that EVERYONE entering the building MUST wear a mask even if they are going to be switching to a medical grade mask at that screening desk.

#### **Occupational Health and Safety**

 As vaccination rates go up and we enter Stage 3 of Reopening, it seems like things are getting back to normal. However we are not there just yet. Stage 3 of Reopening is a plan to get businesses back up and running but there are still restrictions in place to protect workers.

### **Today's Take-Aways Continued**

The protocols that PRH has in place are for your protection as well as for patients, visitors and your family. Please continue to be diligent, wear the appropriate PPE, social distance when required and follow the protocols put in place.

We continuously monitor for Provincial and Regional updates and will pass those on or implement changes as soon as we are able.

• The JHSC would like to recognize and thank Erin Lomore for the fantastic posters she created for our Thank You for Keeping Me Safe campaign. The series of four posters put up throughout the hospital and published in the Pulse generated a lot of positive feedback.

#### **Departmental Updates:**

• Overall we are experiencing high patient volumes with high levels of acuity in the ED, ICU and in our Medical program.

#### **Operating Room**

• Our OR volumes have now returned to 100% following our scheduled vacation ramp-down.

#### Education

 Our roster of student placements for the fall is ramping up and we are still awaiting some clarification on how these students will be impacted by COVID-19 testing requirements and other safety measures.

# GRATITUDE

• Liz and the Rehab nurses would like to thank **Isabelle Makula**, one of our CCAs, who is doing a great job and is always so willing to help out on our unit with all of our patients!

• Thank you to **TracyLee, one of our Rehab Assistants** who is always willing to pitch in to help our nurses and the patients on Rehab. We appreciate all that you do!

• Special thanks to all of the OR staff who assisted with the Code Blue in the OR last week (Dr. Lavigne, Dr. Stewart, Amber RPN, Katie RN, Mila RN, Stacey RN), and many other staff in case I have forgotten anyone. This thank you also extends to the porters and housekeepers who helped with PPE upon arrival of code team members. Additional thanks to the Code Team staff members from all over the hospital, especially the ED Code Nurse Brooke RN, Jenny RT, the compressors Kelly RPN and Caitlyn RPN and documenter Sydney RN. It required a team effort to transport this critically ill patient safely from the OR and to continue to care for this patient in ICU. *Erin Van Allen, Clinical Educator Critical Care* 

• Thank you to two of ICU's newer staff members **Caitlin RN and Carissa RN** who provided outstanding care to two vented patients recently. You guys are rockstars! *Erin Van Allen, Clinical Educator Critical Care* 

• Lisa Bradley celebrated Vicki Bradfield for all her efforts in staffing the COVID vaccination clinics.

• Jeff Dermann was celebrated by Laurie Menard for his tremendous assistance and skill with a difficult patient in the ED.

• Mike Godbout celebrated the **Environmental Services team** for their efforts in cleaning up Tower C, ground floor after flooding was experienced Tuesday evening.

• Mireille Delorme celebrated **Jeff Dermann**, **Cheryl Summers and the AMH team f**or the great work on the complex discharge that was well planned, prepared and had a great outcome. Thank you to everyone who participated.

• I would like to thank **Caroline Froment** for all the support she has provided to me over the past two days. Thank you, *Lindsay Burbage* 

## Thank You To Dr. Katie Forfar For Sponsoring A Clinic Meal

Our gratitude is extended to Dr. Katie Forfar who sponsored boxed meals for our whole team on Tuesday at the PMC Vaccination Clinic. The meals were catered by His & Hers Gourmet Grazing as a token of appreciation for the incredible effort put forth to help vaccinate the residents of Renfrew County and District.



# Swiss Chalet Delivers!!!

A HUGE Thanks to Harvey's Swiss Chalet Pembroke for today's clinic meal consisting of a quarter chicken dinner, salad and all the trimmings!

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is part of the Vaccination Team in helping make our community safer. All the time that you have put into this is greatly appreciated. If it was not for all of you we would not be this far along. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We appreciate everything that you all do."

Lynn Thomas General Manager, Trevor Mohns Supervisor and the entire Staff and Management Team from Harvey's Swiss Chalet Pembroke

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# PBIA Thanks Clinic Team With Sponsored Meals And Treats!

A HUGE Shout Out to the Pembroke Business Improvement Area (PBIA) for sponsorship of meals for the PMC COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Saturday, Monday and Wednesday, which were catered by Thai Gardens, Joes Family Pizzeria and The Nook Creperie respectively.

"The Pembroke Business Improvement Area (PBIA) wanted to say thank you to the hard working staff and volunteers of the vaccine clinics. The PBIA board feels that getting the community vaccinated is one of the most important steps to life back to normal and allowing our businesses to reopen. The community has been wonderful at supporting our local downtown businesses and the PBIA felt this would be a great way to give back to the community on behalf of all downtown businesses. It also allows us to showcase some of our AMAZING downtown eateries."





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# **Guardian Angels**

# Brittany O'Connor





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### WEEK

JULY 19-23 2021

JULY 19: CRISPY BAKED CHICKEN WITH GARLIC MASHED

POTATOES AND STIR FRY VEGETABLE

JULY 20: CABBAGE ROLL WITH GREEN BEANS

JULY 21: CHICKEN FLAT BREAD PIZZA WITH CAESAR SALAD

JULY 22: VEGETABLE LASAGNA WITH A GREEK SALAD

JULY 23: LEMON PEPPER COD WITH ROASTED POTATOES AND

CORN

### **Current Facts and Figures**

- Renfrew County: 3 active cases, 9 deaths,
- Ottawa: 24 active cases, 593 deaths
- Ontario: 10,718 active cases, 9,275 deaths

# **Foundation News**

Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation



Join us on October 16th, 2021 for our Un-Gala @ Home event all in support of the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE **ONLINE AT** 

PRHFoundation.com/ungala



Due to the impact of COVID-19, we have made the decision to err on the side of caution and host a virtual Un-Gala @ Home event again this year, on Saturday, October 16th. Tickets are now on sale! Buy your tickets now here: www.prhfoundation.com/ungala

Hosting your own fundraiser is a great way to contribute to the Pembroke Regional Hospital: BBQs, lemonade stands, concerts, dances, etc. Every dollar counts! Before planning your event, contact the Foundation at (613) 732-2811, ext. 6223 or foundation@prh.email. We are happy to support your fundraising efforts and we look forward to hearing from you!