



Today's Take-Aways

Regional Updates

- With a decline in COVID positive cases, the regional Incident Management Structure is being disbanded and there are far fewer meetings taking place due to a decrease in the level of urgency. It has been recognized that many of these meetings provided ways for hospitals and health care partners to connect and work collaboratively and it's hoped that ways to continue this will be found post-pandemic.

- Hospitals will also be working together to determine how to proceed with a coordinated approach to bed allocation and patient flow in a post-COVID setting, despite the discontinuation of a central phone number that was being used to manage this in our region.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

- We are fortunate in Renfrew County and District to be receiving regular shipments of vaccine in the range of 8,000 to 10,000 doses per week and anticipate this volume to remain for at least the next four weeks. Approximately 40% of these doses will be distributed through the mass vaccination clinic at the PMC so we are looking at scheduling four or five clinic days per week for the next several weeks. It is estimated that we have approximately 43,000 people left to vaccinate in our region. Twenty-seven percent of our residents have received both doses to date so we are seeing progress in the right direction.

- Regional discussions are now starting to take place about the planned ramp-down of mass vaccination clinics and the transition of vaccine distribution to primary care and pharmacy settings anticipated to take place later this summer.

Visitor Policy

- New changes to visitor policies have once again been implemented in long-term care settings. We are anticipating that we will also receive updated guidance on hospital visitor policies which will be implemented across the region when received.

Occupational Health and Safety/Infection Prevention and Control

- A huge thank you to the 403 staff and physicians who have already completed the short COVID vaccination survey! The survey asks if you are fully or partially vaccinated or if you do not wish to receive the vaccine. Providing your name is optional.

Today's Take-Aways Continued

The survey window is scheduled to close July 2 and the departments with the highest participation rates (top small, medium and large department) will be rewarded with a catered coffee break so be sure to fill it out and help increase your department's chance of winning!

Already in the lead...We have some of our smaller departments closing in on 100% participation – IT, Human Resources, LDRP, Occupational Health and Safety, Pharmacy – just to name a few while some of our larger departments are now over 50% with Rehab, Medicine and ED/ICU leading the pack. Survey link can be found in your inbox or on The Loop!

- A memo has been distributed with this week's newsletter regarding COVID PPE and Safety Protocols so be sure to read it for more detail.

Departmental Updates:

Emergency Department / ICU

- Effective July 6th, all Emergency Department visits at PRH will be moving to the use of printed patient labels on patient care forms, replacing the blue cards currently printed for ED registrations. A memo regarding this change has been sent out with distribution of this week's newsletter.

Rehabilitation

- Effective this week, the Total Joint Assessment Clinic (TJAC) is relocating from Tower D to the outpatient therapy area in Tower B.

Materials Management

- It was reported that we are once again seeing some issues around back orders and supply delays – not only locally, but regionally too. Hospitals are working together to ensure supply needs are met.

Project Updates

- The Cancer Care Renovation contractor Frecon has installed their garbage chute on Tower A 5th floor at the end of the north corridor. This is part of their overall preparation of the site. They will be storing materials on site near the Tower D parking lot. They are installing their negative air handling unit today in order to meet all IPAC and Occ Health guidelines for construction. They will begin building the construction barriers within the north corridor next week.

Maintenance

- Please be advised, that the small gravel staff parking lot at the corner of Mackay and Deacon Street will be closed for maintenance. There will be no access to the parking lot from 5 p.m. Friday, July 2 to 12 p.m. Saturday, July 3. We apologize for the inconvenience. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

- It is anticipated that all current roof work will be completed sometime next week.

PMC Clinic Team Treated To Baked Goods

A special THANK YOU to Richard and Debbie Faught who sponsored a special treat for the PMC Vaccination Clinic Team June 25th - freshly made Sunrise buns from Wilkies Fresh Baked Bread!

Their sponsorship was a token of thanks for all who are part of the dedicated team!



GRATITUDE

Projects

- In January 2020, PRH entered an agreement with Bruyere Research Institute. PRH was to implement a data application that would calculate a patient's risk of dying within the next twelve months.

This score, called the Hospital One-Year Mortality Risk (HOMR), is a research-validated algorithm of variables such as age, number of hospital admissions per year, number of hospital admissions when transported by ambulance, etc.

These variables are automatically extracted from routine hospital data. The algorithm then calculates a score which helps clinicians identify patients who are admitted to hospital with potential unmet palliative care needs. If the score hit a particular threshold, the patient is flagged as "HOMR positive", and then doctors and nurses are to begin discussions with the patient and family about their plans for end-of-life.

PRH successfully implemented HOMR, and is the first hospital of now 20 centres to complete the first data pull.

The initial data analysis tells a success story for PRH. The algorithm is identifying the right patients. These patients include those who typically fall through the cracks. For example, patients dying from organ failure or frailty are less likely to receive palliative care compared to patients with a terminal illness such as cancer without a tool like HOMR.

The post data audit reported that, overall, the application is running correctly, indicative by typical distributions for sex, age, and HOMR score across the samples. The hospital is doing very well in conducting symptom assessments. The research states that the proportion of patients who had a discussion beyond simply confirming their Power of Attorney or Do Not Resuscitate status jumped significantly.

Thank you to the core project team: Sam Moreau, Laurie Menard, Dr. Declan Rowan, Holly Gunn, Rachel England. Thank you also to staff who provided key supports during the project: John Saunders, Kim Haley, Janak Trivedi, Kassandra Zarzecny, Karen Gauthier, Kelly Malley and Kirsten Waito.

Improving palliative care continues to be an organizational commitment. We will continue to build on the work of the HOMR implementation!

Medical Program

- Great team work and communication over the weekend on Medical. Shout out to **Ashley M.**, who covered the desk, then when to ICU to help out, and then came back! Great job everyone!

- Shout out to **Leslie and Sam** for covering the desk on Monday! Kept things moving on medical!

- To **Kelly, Kirsten and Adrienne**, thanks for doing the great job that you do! Thanks for keeping me on the ball these last few weeks! (and always) *Rachel*

- To the Medical staff – I know we are facing some challenging times with staffing, and the flow sometimes can be challenging.

We welcome some new staff to the Medical team, **Virginia Saunders, Carissa Leclerc, Alana Cleveland, Noah Maika, Nadine Demers, Vincent Charbonneau and Jennifer Cleland!**

Rehabilitation

- I'd like to celebrate the nursing staff who worked days on June 25th. They came together when staffing was a challenge to still provide excellent care for the patients.

If you need specific names, it would include: **Mallory Luckasavitch, Caitlyn Risto, Marilyn Adam, Lyndsay Couture, Nancy Green, and Kirsten Regier.** *Thanks, Sonya*

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French Language Training Reimbursement Program

- I work in a health care organization that is designated or identified to provide French language services in Ontario
- I have direct contact with patients and clients
- I want to improve the experience of my French-speaking patients and clients
- I want to improve my French language skills
- I have already reached the intermediate level

Take a **French course** online or in person at an approved institution and receive up to **\$300 reimbursement per course.**



For more information:

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The French Language Training Reimbursement Program is funded by the French Language Services Office of the Ontario Ministry of Health.



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).



Guardian Angels

Erin Allard



Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation



Fondation de l'Hôpital Régional de Pembroke

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...



Farmstead Cheesehouse is located at 2545 Greenwood Rd.

Their speciality is small batch artisan cheeses made on farms in Ontario and Quebec, locally roasted coffee done the way you like, and authentic Italian gelato produced on-site by a local girl who trained in Italy!



COVID-19 MEASURES / Treat Day Etiquette

1. Pre-orders are strongly advised, especially for groups. Individuals can pre-order too.
2. Pre-order lists must be emailed to carolyn.levesque@prh.email by **Wednesday, June 30th**.
3. Pre-orders can be picked up by group representatives during the distribution time on July 7th.
4. If you don't pre-order, you CAN still pick up your item on distribution day WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



PRH Staff Association Treat Day

Featuring Hazelnut White Truffle Gelato (milk-based) or Strawberry-Rhubarb Sorbetto (dairy-free and made with fresh fruit)
From Farmstead Cheesehouse - While Supplies Last

Distribution Time/Location:

Wednesday, July 7th, 1:30 - 2 p.m.
(The Lunch Box, Tower A, 2nd Floor)

PLEASE NOTE - GELATO AND SORBETTO MELT QUICKLY!
BECAUSE OF THIS, WE HAVE SHORTENED THE DISTRIBUTION TIMEFRAME.

WHEN PICKING UP FOR OTHERS, PLEASE NOTE THAT IF IT WILL NOT BE CONSUMED IMMEDIATELY THE PRODUCTS WILL HAVE TO BE STORED IN A FREEZER.

FOR PRE-ORDERS, PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF EACH TYPE BEING ORDERED ALONG WITH THE LIST OF STAFF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS.

Tour de BONNECHERE



- The event is virtual this year *
- Register and pick one of the official routes or make a route of your own
- Ride your route anytime from Aug 1 -29
- Ride safe and follow all social distancing guidelines
- Post your pictures, comments and other details about your training and your ride on our FaceBook page
- Registration is FREE for children 12 yrs of age & younger with an adult registration

* If provincial guidelines allow, a live event will be held on Aug 29th in addition to the virtual event running Aug 1-29

Register by June 30 to receive a t-shirt and official tour buff

RIDE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

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1 - 29
2021

RAISING FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Funds raised will support initiatives of the Renfrew County Moving on Mental Health and Addictions Planning Table as well as the vital work of partner community agencies

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Sunshine Gift Shop

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

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AUGUST 2ND TO AUGUST 15TH

SHOES, CLOTHING & SLEEPWEAR

50% OFF

AUGUST 16TH TO AUGUST 31ST

ALL REGULAR PRICED STORE MERCHANDISE

A HAPPY DAY IS A SAFE DAY!

We all come to work wanting to do our best for the patients and our co-workers. We all need support at one time or another. Help me be safe by adhering to all universal precautions



THANK YOU FOR KEEPING ME SAFE AT WORK



The Mural Cafe



**From July 3rd
until
August 29th**

**The Mural Café will only be open
weekdays (Monday to Friday)
from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Thank you for your continued support.
The Pembroke Regional Hospital Auxiliary**

PMC Clinic Team Gifted A Coffee Break



The PMC Vaccination Clinic Team is sending out a big THANK YOU to The McCluskey Group / Tim Hortons Pembroke for their delivery of coffee/hot chocolate and baked treats for Monday's clinic snack.

Thanks to Jason McLeod for delivering!

The generous sponsor acknowledged that the treat was sent to the team "With thanks and appreciation for all you do!"

ODSP Staff Donate Snacks And Beverage Supplies



A HUGE THANK YOU to the staff of the Pembroke/Renfrew Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) who collectively contributed funds to purchase an assortment of packaged snacks and beverage supplies for the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Team at the Pembroke Memorial Centre.

Their messages of thanks to the team were included in a special card delivered with the donation.

Vaccination Team Enjoys Canada Day Cupcakes!



Our PMC Clinic team was very appreciative to be treated to some decadent Canada Day themed cupcakes from 2 Tarts & A Truffle today!

The cupcakes were sponsored by Columbus House and 2 Tarts & A Truffle as a thank you to the staff and volunteers at the Pembroke Vaccine Clinic for their effort in making Canada number one in the world for vaccination uptake!



Your donation matters

It matters to every patient across Canada. Because it's something we can do today to help others wake up healthier tomorrow.

Upcoming blood donation events

Germania Club Pembroke
15 Bennett St. Pembroke

Tuesday, August 10
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm



Join Canada's Lifeline
Book now at blood.ca or call 1 888 2 DONATE

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Current Facts and Figures

- **Renfrew County:** 5 active cases, 9 deaths,
- **Ottawa:** 81 active cases, 591 deaths
- **Ontario:** 11,425 active cases, 9,168 deaths

Foundation News

Pembroke Regional
Hospital Foundation



Fondation de l'Hôpital
Régional de Pembroke

DENIM



Don't forget about Denim Day every Friday! A \$2 donation with three ways to pay! You can sign up for payroll deductions and receive a snazzy button to wear every Friday, purchase a package of Denim Day stickers in advance, or drop in at the Foundation Office (A126) with your toonie each Denim Day.



Un-Gala
@ HOME

OCTOBER 16, 2021
TICKETS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE

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