

Today's Take-Aways

PLEASE NOTE - Since next week's Statutory Holiday (Canada Day) falls on a Thursday, next week's edition of The Pulse will be published on Wednesday, June 30th instead.

Regional Updates

- Hospitals in the region are working together in order to determine how they can support each other in addressing the surgical backlog that exists, particularly in the Ottawa area. In addition to this, the province has announced the investment of \$30 million in innovation funding for hospitals to use in order to find ways to get more surgeries and procedures completed. This will be a discussion at both PRH and the regional table.

- Critical care numbers continue to be on the decline along with the number of COVID positive cases which is very good news for our region and the province at large.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

- Big week with five clinics as we manage additional doses of vaccine that have been received in Renfrew County. We are anticipating some busy weeks with similar volumes in the first few weeks of July as well as we work towards a ramp down of the mass vaccination clinics.

- Regional communication around the vaccine rollout is focused on reassurance that the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are comparable and safe for mixing in terms of first and second dose.

- The health unit will also be starting to look at communications around what will happen with vaccine rollout once the mass clinics wrap up. This is anticipated to happen by the end of the summer.

Occupational Health and Safety/Infection Prevention and Control

- There is ongoing dialogue about regional changes to PPE in terms of the use of eye protection and related to ongoing staff screening.

It is hoped that the province will be providing some updated guidance on this as it relates to both vaccinated and unvaccinated staff. It is also hoped that additional guidance or directives will be received with regards to staff testing going forward and policies around staff returning from travel etc.

Departmental Updates:

Diagnostic Imaging

- Effective July 2nd, the visitor policy related to Ultrasound in particular will be amended to allow an individual's partner in for the gender reveal part of the obstetrical ultrasounds in the last five minutes of the appointment. This practice had been put on hold due to the pandemic and changes to the visitor policy.

Surgical

- The ORs are now operating at 100% capacity however a two-week scheduled ramp down of service will take place starting Monday to allow for staff holidays.

Today's Take-Aways Continued

Acute Mental Health

- Peer workers are starting to return to provide some support to the unit.

Mental Health Services of Renfrew County

- Some staff will be returning to pre-pandemic co-locations to provide support. This includes settings such as the Emergency Department, and the local OPP detachments.
- The Outreach program is transitioning to more of a hybrid model for care delivery – providing some opportunity for group work which is a positive step towards a return to what services were offered pre-COVID.

Project Updates

- 139 new IV pumps were rolled out across the organization today and a total of 158 staff have attended training for the new equipment. Great job to all involved!



Pictured from left, Betty Hartwick wipes down an old pump as part of the equipment swap.

The Implementation Team gathered after all the pumps were distributed - from left, Sam Hutchinson, Jennifer Kennedy, Betty Hartwick, Caroline Froment, Erin Van Allen and Jacob Dickerson.

Jennifer's t-shirt says "Pumped about the Pumps"

- The first phase of the Cancer Care Renovation Project is scheduled to get underway on June 28th. The renovation will bring our hospital's pharmacy up-to-date and compliant with today's pharmacy standards. A memo about the start of the project has accompanied distribution of The Pulse this week.

Entrance Screening

- Please note that the hours of the Tower B (DI entrance) screener have been changed to 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in order to help reduce the backlogs experienced in the morning when staff are coming in to work. Staff can now enter for active screening via the Tower B or ED entrance during that timeframe.



Winners! Staff Draws Held For Uline Gifts With Purchase

PRH has been fortunate to receive a number of exciting gifts with purchase from Uline, one of our vendors. In order to ensure fair and equitable distribution of these gifts, we put the names of all staff in a draw for the items and the winners are listed below alongside their prize.

Prizes can be collected in B446 (Carolyn Levesque's office).

Please call 6165 or email pr@prh.email to be sure she's in before stopping by.

Congratulations to all!



- Zero Gravity Chair – **Linda Proksch** (OR)
- Chaise Lounge chair with pop side table (Black) – **Tanya Parker** (HR)
- Badminton Set – **Kathryn Cardiff** (DI)
- Folding Wagon – **Karen Schaffel** (Rehab)
- Camp Chair (Camo) – **Garry Hartlin** (IT)
- Rolling Cooler (Camo) – **Samantha Michlits** (Clinics)
- Beach Towel (Navy/lime green) – **Melanie Francoeur-Samson** (ED/ICU)
- 20 oz Corkcicle Sport Canteen in Camo – **My Tien (Casey) Du** (ED/ICU)
- iHome Bluetooth Rechargeable Waterproof Speaker – **Julia Layman** (Pharmacy)
- iHome Bluetooth Rechargeable Waterproof Speaker – **Philip Harrington** (DI)
- iHome Bluetooth Rechargeable Waterproof Speaker – **Brenda Barker** (LDRP)
- Insulated Ice Scraper Glove (Camo) – **Joelle Piche** (Rehab)
- Silver YETI travel mug – **Shelley Mask** (LDRP)
- Silver YETI travel mug – **Marianne Bourgeois** (MHS)
- Silver YETI travel mug – **Alyx Latendresse** (Medical)
- Blue YETI Rambler with handle – **Kharren Cusick** (ED/ICU)
- Blue YETI Rambler with handle – **Shawn Richard** (Environmental Services)
- Blue YETI Rambler with handle – **Cecile Lacroix** (MHS)
- Red STANLEY insulated Stein – **Sandy Farrell** (DI)
- Red STANLEY insulated Stein – **Colleen Ferneyhough** (AMH)
- Large Blue YETI travel mug – **Joanne Filippi** (Clinics)
- Large Blue YETI travel mug – **Kathy Bromley** (Finance)
- Blue YETI medium travel mug with handle – **Janey O'Dacre** (ED/ICU)
- Blue STANLEY insulated Stein – **Nancy Spilchen** (Rehab)
- Red YETI insulated can holder – **Caitlyn Risto** (Rehab)

Paid French Courses



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:

Please consult the tab "Our Programs" at www.accueilfrancophone.com
Liliane Breiland | Program Coordinator
program@accueilfrancophone.com | 1-888-382-6452

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



Dr. Margarita Lianeri Thanks PMC Clinic Team With Catered Meal



A special thank you is extended to Dr. Margarita Lianeri who sponsored a lunch for our PMC Clinic Team today featuring a Singapore Noodle Bowl, a muffin and a beverage, catered by The Kitchen Eatery.

Dr. Lianeri wanted to show her appreciation for the team for all the work they are doing to help get Renfrew County residents vaccinated.



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).

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!



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.

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.



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

REGISTER NOW !
TOURDEBONNECHERE.BLOGSPOT.COM

Sunshine Gift Shop

Another Auxiliary Project

The Sunshine Gift Shop is open once again!

Please take note of hours of operation:

June 11th to June 27th

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon. to Fri.

1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday

June 28th to August 31st

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon. to Fri.

1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday

Weekend hours over the summer may change.

Stay tuned for upcoming sale information!



ARE YOU PUMPED FOR PUMPS? THE WAIT IS OVER!



- Today we replace our 80 old pumps with 139 new pumps!
- These new pumps increase patient safety and reduce error through the use of the drug library

Thank you to all who have attended pump training!

(112 staff and counting so far!)
Not able to make the training sessions?
Look for one of these 20 trained superusers on your unit.

Eric Lee
Ashley Markus
Shelley Mask
Marc Rheaume
Kerri Timm
Marika Vriend
Rebecca Brum

Thank you!

Christa Duff
Sandy Farrell
Caitlin Grills
Julia Howarth
Jeris Johnston
Lisa Keon
Lisa Mitchell



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW PUMPS?

CAN'T FIND A DRUG IN THE DRUG LIBRARY?

Contact **clinical education** and one of us will be happy to assist

- **Caroline** x6320 (portable phone)
- **Erin** x6644 (office) x5140 (pager)
- **Amanda** x8540 (office) x5141 (pager)

Send us an email to the **IV pump team**, which includes **pharmacy!**

Send your questions or feedback to IVpumps@pemreghos.org

Check out the **IV pump resources** on the intranet page, scroll down to education and look for the **ICUMedical IV Pumps link**

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[Presentations](#)

[Code Silver Training Video](#)

[Code Silver Training Video \(Alternate Link\)](#)

[ICU Medical IV Pumps](#)



Surplus Linen Available



Free for the taking - there is currently surplus PRH linen (blankets, pillow cases and sheets) available at the PRH warehouse.

Pickup is available Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until June 30th.

Staff interested are asked to bring their own bags to transport the items away.

Heritage Hearing Care Sponsors Clinic Meal



Thanks to Heritage Hearing Care for generously sponsoring dinner for our Vaccination Clinic Team at the PMC Monday. The meal featuring a slice of pizza and beverage was catered by Joe's Family Pizzeria.

A special message from the Heritage Hearing Care team:

"Thank you for your service to the community! How we all long to hug our family and friends and to talk with each other face to face! At Heritage Hearing Care, we keep people connected through improving hearing. We want to honour you for your role in helping to protect our health so that we will be able to enjoy interacting with each other once again. Mi'gwitch! Merci! Thank you!"

GRATITUDE

Medical Program

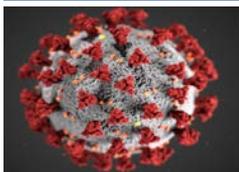
- To **Connie Chippure** for helping the Dietary Staff on the weekend hand out meal trays to the units!
- **Adrienne** for doing a great job on the desk the last couple of weeks. She was able to work through many complex discharges.
- **Angela Nieman** for helping out on the desk Tuesday to help keep on top of things!
- **Michael Peters** for working with a new palliative diagnosis, was very supportive to the patient and family.
- Welcome back to **Kirsten!**
- We have some new staff orientating to medical, shout out to **all the staff who have been helping to orientate new staff to the unit!** Rachel

Mental Health Services

- A client wanted to extend his appreciation to the **Recovery Outreach Program Team**. He called to say how much he appreciates the team and that they always make him feel welcome.

Acute Mental Health

- We have had quite a few compliments on the AMH patio that Shannon Reckzin (Recreation Therapist), right, has worked very hard on with the patients.



Current Facts and Figures

- **Renfrew County:** 4 active cases, 9 deaths, 102,601 tests completed (June 24)
- **Ottawa:** 151 active cases, 589 deaths
- **Ontario:** 12,037 active cases, 9,099 deaths

Foundation News

Pembroke Regional
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A huge congratulations to our *Spring Lotto* winner Leo Dunphy! Thank you so much to all the amazing people who helped to make this event a great success for the PRHF *Cancer Care Campaign* by buying tickets. You are helping keep cancer care close to home.

You're Invited! 

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