

Today's Take-Aways

Regional Updates

- The number of critical care patients in the region continues to decrease and Ontario is no longer needing to receive transferred patients from Manitoba. This and other announcements that reflect the decrease in COVID positive cases throughout the province are giving everyone some hope and light at the end of this long tunnel!

- Discussions are taking place about how to ensure that there remains an efficient process in place to support the voluntary transfer of patients to other facilities for expedited treatment. It was felt that the process put in place during the pandemic has worked well and it would be beneficial for patients to be able to have the option to transfer to another facility for treatment where possible if openings are available.

Visitor Policy

- Effective today our admitted patients are now allowed to have one visitor per day in addition to their essential caregiver or care partner. A press release and an internal memo have been circulated regarding this change.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

- Our vaccination clinics continue to run three days a week with today's clinic being another big day for many of our staff to receive their second dose. Overall in Renfrew County the first-dose uptake has been really good especially among those in the older age categories. Currently the percentage of the population (aged 12 and up) with at least one dose is 62.9%. The messaging that we have received from the Ministry of Health is that we should anticipate wrapping up our mass vaccination clinics by the end of August.

Occupational Health and Safety/Infection Prevention and Control

- Positive discussions have been taking place at huddles throughout the organization with regards to the results of active screening audits and it is hoped that in the coming weeks improvement initiatives based on staff feedback will be implemented.

- It is anticipated that over the coming weeks we will receive more provincial and regional guidance about changes to policies related to COVID-19 that could include management of vaccinated vs. non-vaccinated staff.

Departmental Updates:

Surgical Program

- Our Surgical team has worked hard to ramp up the scheduling of surgeries requiring admission. As a result of this effort we anticipate having all four ORs in operation as of Monday and 100% capacity once again. This effort has also been reflected in our partner hospitals in the region.

Today's Take-Aways Continued

- With a reduction in community spread of the virus and COVID positive numbers on the decline, surgical patients will no longer have to be tested prior to their procedures but they will need to pass screening.

Emergency Department / Intensive Care Unit (ICU)

- The department has seen a decrease in the number of COVID positive patients being admitted to the ICU and requiring intubation and transfer to one of Ottawa's hospitals.
- Overall, the ED volumes have been on the rise, now comparable to our pre-COVID numbers.

Rehabilitation

- With lifting of the provincial Stay at Home order, the Geriatric Day Hospital has begun to ramp up again and plans to increase volumes over the next few weeks.

Clinical Education

- Staff can anticipate seeing various team members at work as part of an ongoing effort to highlight the work of all who are part of our health care team at PRH. Stay tuned!
- The new electronic eLearning notification system will be launched on Monday so staff can anticipate receiving emails regarding their eLearning portfolio.

Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre

- Since the closure of Dr. Brian Baxter's practice, Renfrew County VTAC is experiencing a surge in the volume of calls.
- VTAC has also requested funding to maintain their service post-pandemic.

Project Updates

- It's time to get pumped about the Pumps! The ICU Medical technician came from Montreal June 7th to work with Jacob Dickerson on the new pumps. Pictured here are Louis-Marc and Jacob after successfully configuring all 139 pumps. Job well done!

- Did you know? Our Plum 360 IV pumps will come with over 400 drugs in the database!

The drug library has been programmed by our pharmacists, Tina Davidson and Julia Layman. This has been a huge task that has been hundreds of hours in the making.

On June 9th, the entire drug library was reviewed by front line nurses working in the following Clinical Care Areas:

ED, ICU, PAC, Paediatrics, Rehab, Acute Mental Health, Medical, Surgical, Maternal Child Care, and Systemic Therapy.



The pharmacists will take all feedback and finalize the drug library on June 14th.

Thank you to all nurses who attended the drug library review.

All Paws on Deck!

Here is our newest working group member, Arthur, who has been giving key support to Tina during the development of the drug library.



CUE THE confetti

The new IV pumps will roll out on June 24th!

NEW DATE

All nurses are encouraged to attend training sessions provided by the IV pump representatives.

Self enroll on the elearning system or Sign up on the sheet outside of the education office B115

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Training sessions

SIGN-UP / REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Super User Sessions: 1.5 hours long Room A517

June 15th - 0900
June 21st - 1800

General User Sessions: 1 hour long Room A517

June 15th - 1100, 1300, 1530, 1800
June 16th - 0900, 1100, 1300, 1530, 1800
June 17th - 0900, 1100, 1300, 1530, 1800
June 18th - 0900, 1100, 1300, 1530, 1800
June 21st - 0900, 1100, 1300, 1530
June 23rd - 0900, 1100, 1300, 1530, 1900

PMC Clinic Team Treated To Delicious Sunrise Buns

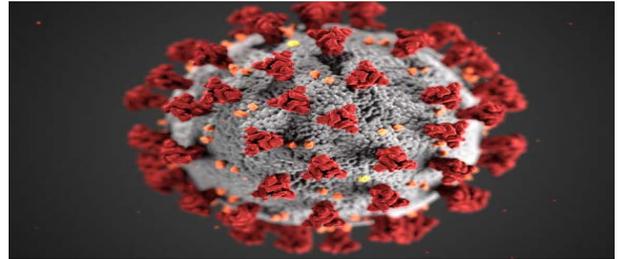


The treat for the PMC Clinic Team on June 7th was freshly-baked Sunrise buns from Wilkie's bakery.

These were graciously provided by Dr. Margarita Lianeri as a token of appreciation for the amazing work that the team is doing to help vaccinate those in our region.

Current Facts and Figures

- **Renfrew County:** 13 active cases, 9 deaths, 100,033 tests completed (as of June 10, 2021)
- **Ottawa:** 378 active cases, 584 deaths
- **Ontario:** 15,395 active cases, 8,931 deaths



WEEK #16 WINNER!

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\$3,994

Winning ticket #P-1344097
Card #18 - Jack of Diamonds



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Have you completed your daily COVID-19 self-screening?

Adding The Staff Screening Tool To Your Mobile Device

Android:

Launch Chrome for Android and open the website or web page you want to pin to your home screen. Tap the menu button and tap "Add to Home Screen". You'll be able to enter a name for the shortcut and then Chrome will add it to your home screen. The icon will appear on your home screen like any other app shortcut or widget so you can drag it around and put it wherever you like. Chrome for Android loads the website as a "web app" when you tap the icon, so it will get its own entry in the app switcher and won't have any browser interface getting in the way.

iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch:

Launch the Safari browser on Apple's iOS and navigate to the website or web page you want to add to your home screen. Tap the Share button on the browser's toolbar. It's on the bar at the top of the screen on an iPad and on the bar at the bottom of the screen on an iPhone or iPod Touch. Tap the Add to Home Screen icon in the Share menu. You'll be prompted to name the shortcut before tapping the Add button. The shortcut can be dragged around and placed anywhere, including in app folders - just like a normal app icon.

Local Businesses, City And PRH Team Up To Cool The Pembroke Memorial Centre



With the hot weather upon us, HUGE thanks to all who partnered to provide and install some much-needed air conditioning at the Pembroke Memorial Centre (PMC) - Valley Refrigeration Ltd. for the 15-tonne mobile cooling unit, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) for the diesel generator and Sunbelt Rentals for the temporary fencing.

In addition, gratitude is extended to the PRH Maintenance team and the City of Pembroke's PMC team for their work to get this operational in time for this week's clinics.

Guardian Angels

Julieta Klein



Pembroke Regional
Hospital Foundation



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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...

Foundation News

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



Get your *Spring Lotto* tickets before they sell out! You could be the proud owner of a 2021 Princecraft Pontoon boat with trailer and motor! Tickets are \$25 for one or five tickets for \$100 and can be purchased at www.prhspringlotto.ca

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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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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!
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Sunshine Gift Shop

Another Auxiliary Project

The Sunshine Gift Shop is excited to announce its re-opening on Friday, June 11th!

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!



Tower A:

- The roofing contractor, Fitzgerald, completed the narrow “eyebrow” roofs on the North and East side of the building and started on the West side this week. Ballasted safety railings were installed around the perimeter of the North roof.

- In the 1A North Wing, the ceiling grid is being installed in the main corridor. The radiant ceiling heating panels were installed and insulated. The old wall heaters were removed and the walls were patched and ready for paint. The data cabling and plugs were installed in each office. Most of the electrical is now completed except for the installation of the fire alarm detectors. The redundant steam lines were capped to make safe and removed from the ceiling space.

- The Cancer Care project will see the transformation of four (4) rooms on the 5th floor into modern sterile rooms for Pharmacy. The tender was awarded to Frecon and the work is expected to start at the end of June.

- The Kitchen freezer upgrades were completed with a new condenser, evaporator, lighting and a new door which was relocated from the side to the front for ease of access. The floor covering was also upgraded at the same time with chrome steel checker plate running one metre up the walls.

- Annunciation was added in both elevators in Tower A to help with the hearing impaired.

Tower B:

- Access control was partly installed on the Rehab Dining room doors going out to the deck so that the doors can be scheduled to lock at night and remain open during the day. Waiting to tie the mag locks into the fire alarm system. The picnic tables were delivered and are being assembled.

Tower C:

- The architect and engineers are working on getting the plans ready for the building permit application for the Ground floor renovations.

Tower D:

- Work on the 4th floor is progressing with most of the steel stud walls up and drywall installed in some of the rooms.

- Annunciation was also added in the Tower D elevator.

D’Youville Warehouse:

- Work was completed on four office cubicles for much needed new office space.

Other:

- A new Grounds Maintenance Contract was awarded to Precision Lawn and Garden.
- Provided electrical support to SP+ for the replacement of the parking lot gates and pay equipment.
- Installed a mobile cooling unit at the back of the PMC for the Covid Vaccination Clinic to help with the warm temperatures.

GRATITUDE

• Celebrating **Leonard from SP+**. It was about to rain and he spoke to someone in order to find me based on my license plate so that he could call and let me know that my sun roof was wide open. Thank you for being so diligent and caring. *Katie Bull*

• Laurie Tomasini celebrated **Janna and Micayla from HR** during today's status update meeting for the excellent presentation they made to the Managers and Directors today. They were also complimented on the tool kit they developed.

Medical Program Celebrations

• **Angela, OT** for all her help this past week with patients, family meetings and helping with discharges. You do really go above and beyond!

• **Kelly and Annette** for helping out with complex discharges on third. Your help is greatly appreciated. *Adrienne Smith*

• To **all in the staffing office!** I appreciate all the help lately (and always!) with staffing, vacation requests, and shortages. I know it's been challenging lately, but you are all doing a great job! *Rachel and the Medical staff*

Today's Clinic Meal Once Again Sponsored In Appreciation

A HUGE shout out to Dan Shields of the Pembroke and Island Brae golf clubs for generously sponsoring today's PMC Clinic Team meal catered by The Kitchen Eatery.

The team enjoyed wraps, chips and salsa and a cronut for dessert.

Thanks to everyone for being part of the team to help vaccinate Renfrew County residents.



**THANK YOU
FOR KEEPING
ME SAFE AT
WORK**

WE ARE ALL PART OF A TEAM

We are interlocking pieces in the health and safety puzzle.
COVID-19 has forced us to override our natural instincts.

Remind me if I forget to do something like replacing my mask after eating



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).