

Today's Take-Aways

Regional Updates

- Acute care hospitalizations and ICU admissions in the province have continued to decline and there has been some discussion about the possibility of opening schools back up to in-person learning for the last month of the school year. All of this is positive news.
- Long-term care homes in Ontario are expanding their visitor policies to now include two visitors in addition to the residents' essential caregivers. This has not yet been implemented in hospitals.
- Ottawa hospitals are experiencing some relief with increased bed availability and about 130 fewer COVID positive cases in acute care than they had last week.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

- It is now anticipated that we should have increased regular shipments of the Pfizer vaccine to Renfrew County in the range of about 5,000 doses per week. This, in addition to some anticipated larger allocations of the Moderna vaccine could mean that in the coming weeks Renfrew County will be able to vaccinate approximately 7,000 people per week. As a result, the PMC clinic schedule will soon be ramping up to approximately four days per week.

Based on the county's population and anticipated number of residents wishing to be vaccinated, it is thought that about 90,000 more doses of the vaccine will ensure full vaccination of those individuals. This means that, if all goes well, our mass vaccination efforts may be able to wrap up by the end of the summer!

Occupational Health and Safety/Infection Prevention and Control

- Just like any other vaccine, people have had reactions when receiving the COVID vaccine as their body responds and starts to build its immunity. Some of these body responses will mimic the symptoms of COVID and as a result you may fail your screening. If this happens to you or a household member, please contact Occ Health at extension 8200 to discuss your situation and for further guidance. In most cases, staff can continue to work after symptoms are reviewed by Occ Health. If symptoms persist for more than 48 hours, contact Occ Health for further instructions.

Staff are also reminded that you are not considered fully vaccinated until 14 days after your second dose. But even then, this doesn't mean you are immune and you still have to follow all protocols. We know you're tired of all of this but don't let COVID fatigue set in. Be diligent with your PPE, practice hand hygiene, social distance and answer all screening questions truthfully.

Other News:

Surgical Program

- The department continues to ramp up outpatient (day surgery) procedures. This week 50% of the ORs are running and endoscopy is at 100% capacity. Next week the plan is to increase to 75% and 100% the week after. We are still waiting on provincial direction on the ramp up of procedures requiring

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admissions, other than those that are cancer-related, urgent or emergent. OR staff who had been redeployed within the organization are heading back to the department.

Diagnostic Imaging

- The department continues to support Ottawa area hospitals by taking on CT and MRI requisitions as required.

eLearning

- In an effort to improve timely eLearning compliance, staff will now receive email notification regarding eLearning completion deadlines with reminder notices being issued at 14 and seven days before the deadlines as well as post-deadline messaging if the eLearning was not completed.

Paid Parking Upgrades

- A new, more modern parking system will be installed in the Deacon Street and Tower D parking lots at the Pembroke Regional Hospital May 31st to June 2nd.

Individuals who have purchased Frequent User Cards for the current system will need to visit the parking office starting June 3rd to receive a new one as existing cards aren't compatible with the new machines.

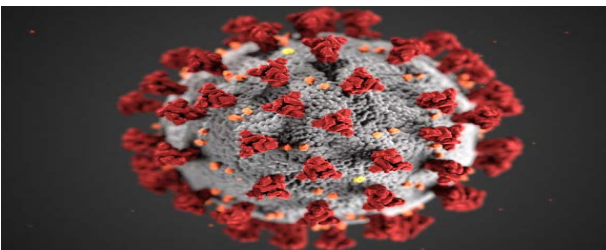
In addition those staff who have the pink parking passes will also need to swap those for new ones in the SP+ office (room C004, located in the corridor adjacent to Mulvihill Drug Mart in Tower C, Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).



Some PMC Clinic "Shots"

Current Facts and Figures

- **Renfrew County:** 26 active cases, 8 deaths, 95,702 tests completed (as of May 25th)
- **Ottawa:** 743 active cases, 563 deaths
- **Ontario:** 25,238 active cases, 8,697



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 (ext. 7202).

CUE THE confetti

The new IV pumps will roll out on June 22nd!



Want to try it out? Check out the interactive pump simulation on your Citrix

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

Sessions are listed below.

Sign up on the sheet outside of the education office B115



Super User Sessions: 1.5 hours long

June 8th - 0900 & 1330 Room A517
June 9th - 1100 Room D227

General User Sessions: 1 hour long

June 9th - 1530, 1800 Room D227
June 10th - 0900, 1100, 1300, 1530, 1800 Room D227
June 11th - 0900, 1100, 1300, 1530, 1800 Room A517
June 14th - 0900, 1100, 1300, 1530, 1800 Room A517
June 15th - 0900, 1100, 1300, 1530, 1800 Room A517
June 16th - 0900, 1100, 1300, 1530, 1800 Room A517

Frank Carroll Financial Team Thanked For Clinic Meal

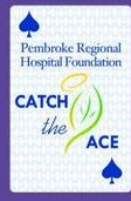
Gratitude is extended to the team at Frank Carroll Financial for providing a meal catered by The Nook Creperie to our PMC Clinic Team today. The lunch consisting of a Caesar wrap, Nook salad and beverage was enjoyed by all!



FRANK CARROLL FINANCIAL



"A huge THANK YOU on behalf of the Frank Carroll Financial team to all of the people working so diligently to get our community vaccinated!! You are doing an INCREDIBLE job and we appreciated you so very much!! Bon Appetit!"



WEEK #14 WINNER!

Congratulations

Rick

Power

\$3,056

Winning ticket #N-2427861
Card #42 - 5 of Clubs



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.

Vaccination Clinic Team Express Gratitude For May 25th Sponsored Meal



Our Clinic team at the Pembroke Memorial Centre would like to thank Derek Nighbor for sponsorship of Tuesday's dinner - Domino's pizza and a beverage.

This was the second meal that Derek has sponsored as a token of appreciation for the work being done to vaccinate Renfrew County residents.



Guardian Angels

Dr. Dorota Szczepanik



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...

Foundation News



Our *Catch the Ace* Mural Café and Drive Thru, as well as all other cash sale locations are closed during the *Stay at Home* order. You can visit www.prhcatchtheace.ca to purchase your tickets. Proceeds support our *Cancer Care Campaign* and we would like to thank everyone for purchasing their tickets.



Spring Lotto is in full swing! Purchase your tickets to win a 2021 Princecraft Pontoon boat with trailer and motor. The second Early Bird prize draw is coming up on June 9th for a youth four wheeler valued over \$4,000! Tickets are \$25 for one or five tickets for \$100 and can be purchased at www.prhspringlotto.ca



PRH Staff Association Treat Day Featuring Cherry Cheese Apricot Squares

A popular item at Klaesis, each square is laced with cherry and apricot filling and their signature cream cheese mixture then topped with their streusel topping.

Distribution Times/Locations:

Wednesday, June 9th,

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

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

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(B446, Tower B, 4th Floor Link)



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 Friday, June 4th.
3. Pre-orders can be picked up by group representatives during the distribution times on June 9th.
4. If you don't pre-order, you CAN still pick up your item on distribution day WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.
5. Please note that groups who pre-order are responsible for ensuring staff on their lists get their items.
6. To ensure we have enough items for those who want them, please refrain from taking one if you don't want one. *Thank you*



GRATITUDE

- Annette Davidson and Lisa Bradley celebrated **Mila Schryer and Jeris Johnston** for working together to ensure our patients were well supported in the ICU - enabling Mila to quickly fill a last minute vacancy at the COVID vaccination clinic. Thanks for working together and helping us out.

Medical Program

- I'd like to celebrate the **Medical staff** for all their help this past weekend, and to all the staff who were able to help out in picking up shifts to fill vacancies, it is greatly appreciated. *Rachel England*

- Celebrating **Gary and Michael** for facilitating a family member to visit a palliative family member.

- "Hey, I just wanted to email to acknowledge how hard your staff worked Sunday while I was Clinical Resource. We had to make many moves to clear 2nd Medical and 3rd had some complex as well as very unwell patients. Everyone worked so well as a team and **Kelsey Gauthier** came in to work 10 to 6 instead of an evening which was a big help. The nurse on the desk, **Ashley Acker** did an amazing job organizing patients into the correct accommodations and was a great advocate for the staff to ensure they got help and breaks. Just wanted to give them their due kudos thanks," *Corinne Clarke RN*

- Shout out to **Doreen Lewis**, who came for a 4 hour shift but stayed for 8! Thanks so much! *Rachel*

- It was noticed that the oxygen tank at the PMC Vaccine Clinic was getting low and needed to be replaced but PRH didn't have the means of legally transporting a full cylinder to the clinic. Kudos to **Kaley Lapierre** to arrange for transport with our EMS friends. *Sheldon Higginson*

- Kudos to **Home Depot Pembroke** for donating \$100 worth of flowers to Acute Mental Health to plant on their patio.



WHAT'S ON the MENU

WEEK

MAY 31 TO JUNE 4, 2021

MAY 31 HEARTY STEW WITH BUN

JUNE 1 BBQ CHICKEN DRUMSTICK, RICE & VEGETABLES

JUNE 2 SWEET & SOUR MEATBALLS, SCALLOP POTATOES

JUNE 3 CHICKEN BURRITOS (CHEESE/SALSA)

JUNE 4 BEEF STROGANOFF WITH NOODLES

CONSTRUCTION CORNER

The hospital has undertaken some improvements to its roof areas.

Permanent guardrails have been installed on the Tower A roof in order provide a secure work area when contractors and Maintenance staff need to access the area.

This summer, a few of the eyebrow roofs will be repaired, as well as the metal roof above the Rehab Dining Area in Tower B.

