

Today's Take-Aways

Regional Updates

- While we are starting to see a small decline in infection rates, hospitalization rates are still very high.
- The province issued new directives to all Ontario hospitals on Wednesday to halt all but emergency/urgent surgeries. As a result, we will be looking to do further ramp downs of our surgical case load effective April 26th. We are hopeful that this will be a short term strategy
- EORLA is making point-of-care COVID testing available to all hospitals in the Champlain region for patient use. Decisions regarding rollout of this testing will be made at the regional level.
- Regionally, meetings on Acute Care have ramped back up with a lot of discussion focused on the topics of patient flow, patient transfers and physician education. Our hospital is ready and willing to take on acute care and critical care patients from Ottawa area hospitals as needed.

Critical Care

- There are currently 800 patients receiving critical care in Ontario and we are seeing a lot of patient transfers from the GTA to Kingston and Ottawa area hospitals. We continue to have capacity to assist our hospital partners in Ottawa and the ability to take over care of some of their patients as necessary.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

- This week our team at the PMC vaccinated approximately 2,200 residents over three clinic days using all three vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca). Our vaccination clinic continues to be a high priority initiative for our hospital given that mass vaccination is the only way to put a stop to the pandemic and allow everyone to return to some sense of “normal”.
- In terms of second dose notification, everyone will be receiving notification in the next week to two weeks regarding the booking of their second vaccine dose which will be scheduled to be received approximately 14 weeks after the first.

Other News:

Occupational Health and Safety/Infection Prevention and Control

- Just a reminder for all staff to continue to follow universal masking and eye protection requirements. This is mandatory in all clinical areas and in other areas where six feet cannot be maintained between persons. Being vaccinated (partially or fully) doesn't exempt anyone from these requirements.
- With COVID dominating the news and the workplace, it is easy to miss some of the other events that are happening. Next Wednesday, April 29th is one day we should keep in mind. The National Day of Mourning is a day to remember and honour those who have died, been injured or suffered illness in the workplace. We all know the effects COVID has had in Health Care, but for some it has been worse than for others. Please take a moment on this day to reflect. Work safe.

Today's Take-Aways Continued

Project Updates

• Kudos goes to the Maintenance staff who did an excellent job in building a containment area in the OR. This was a key step in launching the OR ceiling construction work which starts April 22 and runs for approximately four weeks. The work in the OR is part of the larger Tower D renovation project which will last until the end of July, beginning of August.



• Also, congratulations on the team effort in setting up the Medication Room on Medical. Again, these re-organized, refreshed rooms are part of the hospital's overall medication system transformation.

Intensive Care Unit

• Our ICU is prepared and ready to accept patients from other facilities as necessary and staff from the OR who have been redeployed to work in the ICU are working well with the team.

Diagnostic Imaging

• The department is continuing to support the region in terms of CT scans.

Surgical Program

• The department is in a good position to be able to ramp up or down surgeries and procedures with 24 hours' notice if needed.

Medical Records

• As announced in a memo that has gone out this afternoon, as of April 8th all Outpatient and Day Surgery encounters are now scanned into the Health Information System (Anzer). Additionally, all historical anesthetic records have been scanned into Anzer. Within the coming weeks, the department will be completing the historical outpatient scanning back to Jan. 1, 2021. As records within this timeframe are requested, they will be scanned into the system. All patient encounters should be available in the system within 24 hours of the patient visit.

Additionally, the department has implemented auto-faxing of all face-sheets and triage sheets of all emergency room encounters to our family physicians who have an auto-faxing agreement with us. They will receive these no later than noon the following day after their patient is discharged from the Emergency Department.



Medication room reorganization





Frequently asked Questions

Q: Who do I contact if I have a question or concern regarding my eLearning?

If you are having a problem with your eLearning, there is a team of people assigned to address your problem, they can be reached at elarning@prh.email.

Q: Is eLearning mandatory?

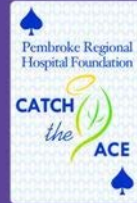
Yes, eLearning is mandatory. It is up to the employee to ensure that their eLearning is up to date. Many of the eLearning modules are created to ensure that PRH is practicing according to accreditation standards.

eLearning modules promote the Health and Safety of all staff, therefore, staff should make every effort to ensure that they complete modules when they are due.



• The Joint Health and Safety Committee did a workplace inspection on Wednesday in Tower A on some of the 2nd floor areas and found the overall conditions were quite good. However they would like to specifically acknowledge the work done in the **Food Services and Maintenance Areas** – well done!!

• Kudos to **Todd Storing (Maintenance)** for his work in partnership with the City of Pembroke to quickly ensure the PMC vaccination clinic is equipped to continue operation in the event of a power failure.



WEEK #9 WINNER!

Congratulations

Scott

Sargent

\$2,558

Winning ticket
#1-6725795
Card #31 -
5 of Spades



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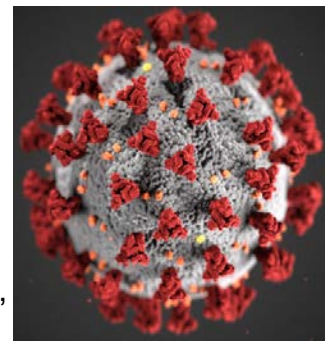
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Lindsey Cupelli



Current Facts and Figures

- **Renfrew County:** 32 active cases, 5 deaths, 86,237 tests completed (as of April 22nd)
- **Ottawa:** 3,179 active cases, 486 deaths
- **Ontario:** 49,791 active cases, 7,829 deaths



All staff are welcome to join us for our upcoming Zoom Mindfulness sessions

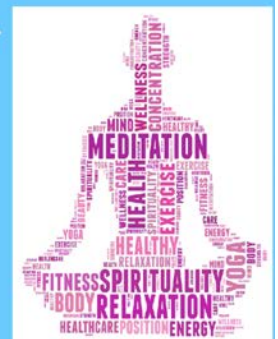
May 7, 18

At 12 noon (20 minutes in length)

Facilitated by Kate Mooney

The sessions will be shared afterwards for those who couldn't attend virtually at noon.

Zoom coordinates will be circulated on The Loop and via PRH email.



Foundation News

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Supporting the
Cancer Care
Campaign

Our 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.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER
WEEK

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This week is National Volunteer Week. We want to thank our volunteers for all of their hard work. Whether it be on our Board of Directors, selling Catch the Ace tickets or planning fundraising events, the work they do is helping to keep cancer care close to home at the Pembroke Regional Hospital.

Guardian Angels

If you know someone who went above and beyond, nominate them for a Guardian Angel!

CONGRATS TO ALL OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS



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PRH Staff Association Treat Day

Featuring Individually Packaged Flower Kits

Each kit includes one peat moss planting pot and one peat moss seed starter pack for a Daisy or Black-Eyed Susan (while supplies last) - flower distribution will be random.

Distribution Times/Locations:

Friday, May 7th,

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 Monday, May 3rd.
3. Pre-orders can be picked up by group representatives during the distribution times on May 7th.
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*



Spring Is Here!

**We're Celebrating With A BBQ
FOR PRH STAFF, PHYSICIANS &
VOLUNTEERS!**

IN APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT YOU DO, PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

SAYS "THANK YOU" WITH A FREE MEAL FOR EACH OF YOU!



WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 11am-1:30pm



MENU: Choice of Hamburger/Chicken Breast, Macaroni salad, water/pop to drink and a fancy cookie for dessert.

PLEASE NOTE: A limited number of Gluten Free Salad and Dessert options will be available.

Grab & Go topping packages will accompany entrees.

Timed pre-orders are recommended for groups of 15 or more.

Please email all pre-orders to pr@prh.email specifying number of burgers vs chicken by May 14th.

To avoid long lines or gathering as much as possible, please send group representatives to pick up meals during the lunch hour and bring a cart or other container to carry all the items.

Enjoy! All compliments of Pembroke Regional Hospital.

**THE LUNCH BOX WILL BE OPEN FOR DINNER FOR EVENING STAFF FROM 4-6 P.M.
PACKAGED BURGER MEALS WILL BE DELIVERED TO UNITS FOR NIGHT STAFF.
STAFF WHO WORK OFFSITE ARE INVITED TO DROP BY FOR LUNCH - TAKEOUT
AVAILABLE, OR MANAGERS CAN ARRANGE A SIMILAR MEAL FOR OFFSITE STAFF.**

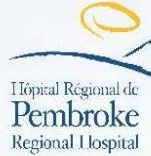
Give our Project a NAME

Deadline May 7



We are transforming our Hospital Information System (HIS) to a fully electronic system over the next 5 years. Some of the first initiatives:

- * Barcode Wristbands
- * Admission Assessments
- * Nursing/Allied Health Documentation
- * Physician documentation
- * Practitioner Order Entry
- * eMAR with Closed Loop



Win!!!



2 foldable camp chairs, portable camp table, cooler bag

HOW IT WORKS

Send your submission to samantha.moreau@prh.email or

Submit into the Cafeteria ballot box

- * Your Name and Contact info
- * Your Project Name Idea
- * Reason for the Project Name



More Sponsored Snacks For Vaccination Team

A special THANK YOU to former Pembroke area resident Christine Tabbert who is also a former staff member who sponsored snacks for our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Team this week with a donation of \$150 to match one recently made by former resident Tami Mask.

"I've been inspired to thank front line workers in my hometown for your dedication and professionalism during the worst public health crisis we've faced in a century. To all of you working not only your regular job but also staffing vaccine clinics, thank you for ensuring my loved ones get their vaccines. Thank you for caring for those who have been ill with COVID-19. And thank you for hanging in there when you feel you have nothing left to give." *Christine Tabbert*

Thanks For Providing Our Team With Drinking Water

A huge shout out and Thank You to the team at Culligan Water Pembroke for providing our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Team with two drinking water dispensers at the Pembroke Memorial Centre, along with all the cups and water we need to keep our team members hydrated!

Their generosity and support of this important initiative is greatly appreciated!

Culligan Water™

How was your day?

Stressful

Scary

Exhausting

Busy

Sad

Healthcare workers are at the front lines of the COVID pandemic. Increased feelings of stress, worry and anxiety are normal under these conditions. Support is available to help you cope.

COVID Frontline Wellness provides confidential access to services and tools to support your mental wellbeing.

Just book an appointment online and one of our clinicians will call you to discuss your needs and connect you with the supports that are right for you.

For more information and to book go to: www.theroyal.ca/covid-frontline-wellness

It's simple. It's confidential. It will help.

If you are a health care worker* impacted by stress related to COVID-19, please reach out.

* Any worker in a hospital, long-term care facility, retirement or group home, Paramedic service, primary care or community health care setting. You must reside in Ontario to access this service.

