

Today's Take-Aways

Please note that we are going to return to a bi-weekly publication schedule for The Pulse newsletter. As a result, the next edition will be published on March 10th.

COVID-19 – Regional Updates

- On March 1st, proof of vaccination will no longer be required in certain community-based settings. However, hospitals plan to continue this practice at least for the foreseeable future. As a result there has been discussion at the regional IMS table about how to manage this including the potential to develop some regional communication around this and the reasons for doing it.

- Regionally, meetings within the IMS structure are ramping down, however, communications continue on key topics such as supply chain and COVID medication distribution.

Renfrew County Virtual Triage And Assessment Centre (RCVTAC)

- We recently received some good news for our Emergency Department and Renfrew County residents with renewed funding for another year of operation of the RCVTAC – until March, 2023.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

- Pembroke's Crandall Street COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be wrapping up operations next week with all future vaccination appointments being hosted at the office of the Renfrew County and District Health Unit. Since the start of the vaccination efforts just over one year ago, Renfrew County's vaccination team have provided approximately 220,000 doses to eligible residents!

Human Resources

- Some Lean work is being done in the staffing department in order to help improve work flow and processes.

- Be sure to check out a memo which was sent out today with regards to the phased launch of a new scheduling and analytics tool for ONA employees. Technical support will be provided to those who need it starting next week. There is a lot more to come on this as the tool's use evolves and improves processes for scheduling and staffing.

Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health and Safety

- The number of staff who continue to be off for COVID-related reasons remains in the range of 40-55 per day, comparable to those across the region.



FEBRUARY

Today's Take-Aways Continued

Departmental Updates

Diagnostic Imaging

• Lots of work is being done around implementation of the new Nuclear Medicine equipment and replacement equipment for mammography. The department is looking forward to sharing details of its investment in the coming weeks.

Maintenance

• Asbestos abatement work was completed on the 1st floor of Tower A across from the Foundation Office where this area is being renovated for the new Physician Lounge. The adjacent rooms where Pierre Noel's former office was located is being used as temporary storage of scaffold parts to be used on the 4th floor South corridor and Rotunda. This area in LDRP is being prepped for more abatement starting in about one week.

• Two electrical panels were replaced in the 2nd and 3rd floor corridors in Tower C.

• HVAC contractors are working on the roof above the Housekeeping and Locker Room areas in Tower A to install a new cooling condenser for the Lab.



Rehabilitation

• Since adding Health Care Aides to its team, the department has been receiving a lot of good feedback on their contributions.

Surgical Program

• Our ORs are currently running at 50-70% capacity. With improved staffing and bed availability we are hoping to be able to consistently ramp up to 70% and we anticipate being able to increase this further in the coming weeks.

PRH SUNSHINE GIFT SHOP is having a

MARCH (PRICE) BREAK

From March 1st to March 31st

**Take 20% off ALL store
merchandise**

(BOTH SALE & REGULAR PRICED)

**Thanks for your continued
support!**



Another Auxiliary Project

GRATITUDE

• I'd like to celebrate the **Housekeeping staff for 2A and 3B**, great team work over the last few months. I know it has been challenging at times, and together we still pulled through! *Rachel England*

• We would like to thank the **redeployed OR staff to Medicine, Lauren Anderson and Justin Macfarlane** for all their help on Medicine. Your positive attitudes and team assistance did not go unnoticed! *Rachel England*



PRH Staff Association Treat Day

Featuring A Freshly Made. Individually Packaged Doughnut.
PRE-ORDER ONE From The Following Three Flavours:
Cinnamon Sugar / Maple Bacon / Sweet-Ish Berry

Distribution Details:

Thursday, March 10. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
In The Lunch Box, Tower A, 2nd Floor

NEW PROCESS NOTIFICATION:

In order to ensure we order just the right amount of treats,
EVERYONE (groups and individuals) MUST now pre-order.
Our March pre-order deadline will be Friday, March 4th at 4 p.m.
Please email pre-orders to carolyn.levesque@prh.email.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Pre-orders must be picked up between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 10th.
2. We are making Treat Day pre-orders mandatory so that we order just the right amount of treats and don't run out or over-order.
3. Groups are responsible for ensuring staff on their lists:
 - are active members of the Staff Association in their department
 - wish to receive this month's treat
 - receive their items after pickup



LIMITED TIME OFFER!

Exclusive Discount

Save up to

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- Limited availability, black out dates apply
- Employee must be present upon Check In and must show valid Employee ID upon arrival to receive this discounted rate
- Limit 2 rooms per Employee per night
- Includes 2 days of waterpark play with a 1 night stay and complimentary parking
- Rates are available for the dates outlined only and are based on availability at time of booking
- First night's room & tax required upon reservation
- Covid-19 Health & Safety restrictions in place including mandatory face coverings for anyone age 2+ and maintaining physical distancing practices.
- Proof of Double Vaccination + 14 Days is required for ages 12+



Health
& Safety

Guardian Angels

Magda Weron, Environmental Services



"Thank you for your loving care of my dad Gary Walton and Mom Sue. You helped make a difficult time easier."

Mental Health Resources Are Available

We recognize that this situation and the increased community transmission of the Omicron variant may impact your mental health and we encourage everyone to seek appropriate support as required.

This includes accessing our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at 1-866-833-7690 or calling the Mental Health Crisis Line at 1-866-996-0991.

Congratulations
WEEK #31 WINNER
David Atkinson
\$6,488
TICKET #EE-3914783
Card #48
Revealed: Jack of Diamonds
www.prhcatchtheace.ca
Next weeks ESTIMATED Jackpot,
if the Ace is caught is over: **\$153,000!**



Current Facts and Figures

- **Renfrew County:** 113 active cases, 32 deaths
- **Ottawa:** 887 active cases, 754 deaths
- **Ontario:** 18,449 active cases, 12,347 deaths

Foundation News

Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation



Fondation de l'Hôpital Régional de Pembroke

OVER \$150,000
ESTIMATED JACKPOT
WWW.PRHCATCHTHEACE.CA

Catch the Ace tickets are on sale at the Mural Café on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30am until 2pm. Thank you to our volunteers who make this possible.

You can also visit www.prhcatchtheace.ca to purchase your tickets.

Proceeds support our *Cancer Care Campaign*.

CONTEST

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER!!! Our *Connect to Care Radiothon* is happening soon! Send us an email at foundation@prh.email with the correct date our Radiothon is taking place this year and you will be entered to win a prize pack!

Congratulations!

Pembroke Regional Hospital Staff Recognized For Achieving Long Service Milestones In 2021

Congratulations to the following staff who achieved long service milestones in 2021.

All who have achieved a milestone will soon receive a certificate and a service pin. Those who achieved milestones of 20 years of service or more will also receive a letter by mail which details how to select a gift of their choice (either monetary or from an online gift catalogue) based on years of service.

Unfortunately, due to continued gathering restrictions, this year's *Retirement and Long Service Luncheon* could not be held.

5 Years of Service

Renee Bedard, Amanda Benedet, Ann Bertrand, Destinee Bourne, Genevieve Brule, Christina Childs, Corinne Clarke, Taryn De Bruyn, Amberly Hein, Kirsten Johnson, Tara Kennedy, Amber Kuehl, Kaley Lapierre, Julia Layman, Laura Lenehan, Robert MacKenzie, Laura McKay, Erik McLeod, Filipina Mejia, Alison Morris, Brittany Osler, Rachel Pecoskie, Shannon Reckzin, Manuela Sarrazin, Samina Shereef, Marcey Stefanski, Christina Tracey, Brittany Webster, Kiera Whitelock, Kirsten Woito, Roxanne Young

10 Years of Service

Annalyn Bloskie, Kimberly Combdon, Christine Ferguson, Tara Ferguson, Molly Fulton, Sylvie Gagnon, Michel Godbout, Corey Graveline-Dumouchel, Colleen Gruntz, Mary-Anne Harris, Betty Hartwick, Lisa Horton, Amanda Lafreniere, Brandy Lewis, Lisa McDonald Melissa McGraw, Caitlin Morrison, Paul Newman, Julia Reddy, Judy Rochon, Katie Sally, Benjamin Schunk, Gamil Shahein, Shawn Silver, Brenda Ward, Katie Wilkes

15 Years of Service

Audrey Bradley, Gwen Brooks, Terri Burdan, Colin Clouthier, Natalie Coulas, Rhonda Faerber, Susan Gagnon-Michaud, Lisa Gravel, Evan Harris, Connie Hennessy, Tasha Johnson, Heather Lank, Jennifer Laporte, Catherine Lawlor, Anne Maddocks, Helen McWhirter, Kathryn Mooney, Thea Nicolai, Pierre Noel, Shelly Parks, Danielle Rosien, Lisa Schuler, Paulette Szabon, Marilyn Tait, Crystal Thompson

20 Years of Service

Jodie Bouffard, Donna Bourgoin, Jenny-Lyn Bouthillier, Josi Curry, Kari Dunn, Mary Lynn Hounsoume, Michelle Ingram, Christine Jones, Patricia Keon, Jennifer Krieger, Laurie Langille, Tanya Parker, Sarah Selle, Nancy Spilchen

30 Years of Service

Colleen Ferneyhough, Judy Hartwig, Ann Hisko, Andrew Mayenburg, Laurie Ryan, Sharon Schilkie, Tina Toner, Grace Weisenberg

35 Years of Service

Susan Bow, Donna Jones, Joe MacLellan, Victoria Rabishaw, Colleen Van Wert, Shelley Zadow

40 Years of Service

Kimberly Ball, Karen McKenzie