

PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

MEMO

TO: All Members of the PRH Health Care Team

FROM: Senior Leadership Team

DATE: March 2, 2021

SUBJECT: **COVID-19 Staff Vaccination Rollout Continues
With Second Round Of Clinics This Weekend**

We owe a tremendous amount of thanks and gratitude to the entire team that enabled the launch of our first COVID-19 vaccination clinics this past week.

This includes many of our current staff and management team, some of our retirees, many of our local physicians who have provided fantastic support, the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service, the Pembroke Fire Department, community volunteers, and many others in our health care community who have reached out to provide assistance.

Being able to host these clinics for our healthcare partners and our own staff, and to have them run so successfully gives us a great deal of confidence for the leadership role we will take in operating the clinics for the general public when we are approved to launch these in the coming weeks at a location that can accommodate a greater number of people per day such as the Pembroke Memorial Centre (PMC).

Since our clinics began last Wednesday, close to 300 of our priority staff and physicians have been vaccinated and with additional vaccine doses now confirmed, we will be scheduling additional staff clinics for this coming weekend.

Those priority staff who have submitted their consent forms will receive notification through their PRH (work) email that they can book their appointments in the coming days so it's very important that you check your inbox! Please note that this week's email notification will be sent to all staff who are currently eligible to receive a vaccination in order to ensure that no one was missed. If you have already received your first dose of the vaccination, you can disregard this email invitation.

A reminder to please be kind with one another as we roll out the vaccine. Given the number of doses we have been allocated, ALL priority staff and physicians who have consented to receiving a vaccination will have the opportunity to receive theirs by the end of this weekend.

To those remaining staff who don't have any patient interaction, please be assured that you will receive your vaccine, we just don't have clarification on the timing for your prioritization group at this point.

A few notes to help make the process more efficient:

- All consent forms **MUST** be submitted in advance. If you would like to be vaccinated and have not yet submitted your form, please submit it as soon as possible.
- Anyone needing to speak with their primary care provider about specific questions related to their health and the vaccine **MUST** do so in advance of their appointment.

Just remember, receiving the vaccine not only protects us in our roles at the hospital and helps us keep the most vulnerable in our community safe, but also allows us to show leadership by showing others how important it is for everyone to get the shot.

For those of you who have been lucky enough to receive the first dose, please also be aware that starting the immunization process doesn't preclude you from screening, PPE requirements, Public Health guidelines or the safety measures that are in place to stop the spread of COVID-19. This includes wearing a mask/face covering, staying at least 2 metres from others and limiting/avoiding contact with others outside your household.

To all of you who have consented to having the COVID-19 vaccination – THANK YOU! You will be part of the solution that helps to bring this pandemic to an end.

COVID-19 Vaccination Consent Form

<https://www.pemreghos.org/uploads/Common/COVID-19%20Screening%20and%20Consent%20form-Vaccine.pdf>

The consent form is also available in the COVID-19 section of Staff Resources on the Pembroke Regional Hospital website (www.pembrokeregionalhospital.ca).

All completed forms must be returned to the Occupational Health and Safety office (located in C021, Ground Floor, Tower C). A locked dropbox is available in that location for after hours drop-offs. The document can also be scanned and sent by email to OccHealth@prh.email.

To access your hospital email from home:

1. Go to the Pembroke Regional Hospital website <https://www.pemreghos.org/>
2. Click on the Staff Resource link at the top of the page
3. Click the link to Hospital Webmail
4. Enter your User name: (P account) and password.