



## Department of Medical Affairs

### Weekly Physician COVID-19 Updates

#### COVID-19 Cases at a Glance (HHS)

Site	Number of Positive Cases
HGH	41
JH	4
MUMC	0
St. Peter's	0
WLMH	0
JH Rehab (M3)	18
SHF	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>

\*updated morning of distribution

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#### COVID-19 Dedicated Wards

HGH – 5 West (29 COVID Patients)

JH – M3 (18 COVID Patients)

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#### COVID-19 Dedicated ICUs

HGH – ICU South (9 Patients)

\*updated morning of distribution

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#### Critical Care Support (Updates)

HHS developed protocols for 24/7 in-house critical care physician coverage. This will either be:

- Added overnight ICU physician
- Added protected code blue (PCB) physician
- Both an overnight ICU intensivist *and* a PCB physician

The Protected Code Blue team is multi-disciplinary: Critical Care, Emergency, Anesthesia physicians comprise the team. This is a dedicated service for management of critically ill COVID-19 patients as well as in-hospital Code Blue or pre-emptive Code Blue.

**Current State:**

HGH	JH
Daytime 0700-1900 (no added PCB physician) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID ICU MD (ICU South)</li> <li>• SMR</li> <li>• Anesthesia resident</li> <li>• 3 critical care RNs</li> <li>• 2 RTs</li> </ul>	Daytime 0700-1900 (no added PCB physician) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RACE physician</li> <li>• SMR</li> <li>• 3 critical care RNs</li> <li>• 2 RTs</li> </ul>
Nighttime 1900-0700 (no added PCB physician) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added in-house COVID ICU MD</li> <li>• SMR</li> <li>• Anesthesia resident</li> <li>• 3 critical care RNs</li> <li>• 2 RTs</li> </ul>	Nighttime 1900-0700: (added PCB physician) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCB physician</li> <li>• SMR</li> <li>• 3 critical care RNs</li> <li>• 2 RTs</li> </ul>
<b>For non-code blue events</b> , RACE team will delineate physician consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respiratory distress and/or need for airway capture – on-site physician (ICU or PCB)</li> <li>• All other RACE calls will be referred to on-service RACE physician</li> </ul>	<b>For non-code blue events</b> , RACE team will delineate physician consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respiratory distress and/or need for airway capture, or critically ill patient requiring immediate MD attention – on-site physician (ICU or PCB)</li> <li>• All other RACE calls will be referred to on-service RACE physician</li> </ul>

Additional coverage, consideration and planning in accordance with increased need will be communicated when / if required.

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## Physician Redeployment

There are currently no plans to ramp down any activity at HHS. Should there be consideration of a ramp down and subsequent redeployment – Medical Affairs would be working with the Workforce Redeployment Document that was created in spring based on responses from those who volunteered and their level of comfort in working in alternative areas.

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## MOH Compensation for Non-Clinical COVID-19 Activity

December Funding – please submit hours by January 10<sup>th</sup>

January Funding – please submit hours by February 10<sup>th</sup>

Submit to Medical Affairs: Tanya Roglich (email on form) or directly to Quinn Kolthof – [kolthof@hhsc.ca](mailto:kolthof@hhsc.ca)

Submission Form:

[S:\MedicalAffairs\COVID Planning\Funding During COVID\Sept 2020 - Mar 2021 Funding Application for COVID-19 Non-Clinical Work.docx](#)

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## Vaccination Updates

Vaccination updates were provided via Town Hall on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Hamilton's two hospital systems are taking direction from province on distribution of vaccines
- Hospital healthcare workers will receive vaccine in sequenced order based on government's ethical and prioritization frameworks:

Group 1 – those at highest risk of COVID exposure at work

Group 2 – those working with vulnerable patients at high risk

Group 3 – those working in all other clinical areas (patient facing)

Group 4 – all other hospital workers

- Goal is to have all HHS health care workers (staff, physicians, residents and learners) vaccinated by the end of March
- Sign up for the vaccine online and review the FAQ's and identify which of the 4 groups you fit into
- For any \*specific\* questions related to vaccine please email Dr. Helene Flageole:  
[flageol@mcmaster.ca](mailto:flageol@mcmaster.ca)

### **VACCINATION SIGN UP HERE:**

<https://covidoutreachhamilton.com/VaccineSignup/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fVaccineSignup>

**\*PHYSICIANS MAY USE "0" AS ID NUMBER IF THEY DO NOT HAVE AN HHS ID\***

Link to HHS Vaccination Webinar for full details:

<https://portal.sparrowapp.io/hhs/posts/16066c51-f5c3-438f-8d92-3b0fc83bd309>

CEO Vaccine Memo:



CEO vaccine memo  
January 2021.pdf

HHS/SJHH COVID Vaccine Staff, Physician & Resident Sequencing:



COVID Vaccine  
Staff Physician Resic

Vaccination Sign Up and Sequencing Process:



staff and physician  
vaccination info fact

Expanding the vaccination program: information for hospital staff and physicians in Hamilton Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):



Internal vaccination  
FAQs January 2021.p

COVID-19: Safety, Screening, Reporting, and Vaccinations:

<https://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/covid19/staff-physician/safety/>

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## HHS HUB News

### COVID-19 Care Expands to Pandemic Response Unit at Joseph Brant Hospital

Intense pressures on hospitals providing COVID care across the region have prompted activation of the Pandemic Response Unit (PRU) located at Joseph Brant Hospital (JHB) in Burlington. Read the latest and watch a video report on the HHS HUB:

<https://hub.hhsc.ca/news-events/news-center/Pages/covid-19-care-expands-to-pandemic-response-unit-at-joseph-brant-hospital.aspx>

### Outbreak at Satellite Health Facility

In consultation with Hamilton Public Health Services, Hamilton Health Sciences has declared an outbreak of COVID-19 on the third floor of the Satellite Health Facility (SHF) after five patients and two staff members tested positive for the virus. They are now in isolation.

The third floor is an HHS unit that is currently closed for admissions. No visitors are currently allowed on the floor except on compassionate grounds. Staff working on the floor will not work anywhere else until the outbreak is declared over. Read more on the HHS HUB:

<https://hub.hhsc.ca/news-events/news-center/Pages/outbreak-at-satellite-health-facility-.aspx>

Please find link to the **HHS HUB** here for additional COVID-19 related information:

<https://hub.hhsc.ca/>

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## COVID-19 Policies to Review

Transporting Patients Within / Between Facilities With Suspected / Confirmed COVID-19:

[http://policy.hhsc.ca/Site\\_Published/hhsc/document\\_render.aspx?documentRender.IdType=6&documentRender.GenericField=&documentRender.Id=101427](http://policy.hhsc.ca/Site_Published/hhsc/document_render.aspx?documentRender.IdType=6&documentRender.GenericField=&documentRender.Id=101427)

COVID-19 Protocol for Inpatients, Outpatients & Staff in Diagnostic Services:

[http://policy.hhsc.ca/Site\\_Published/hhsc/document\\_render.aspx?documentRender.IdType=6&documentRender.GenericField=&documentRender.Id=101619](http://policy.hhsc.ca/Site_Published/hhsc/document_render.aspx?documentRender.IdType=6&documentRender.GenericField=&documentRender.Id=101619)

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## Additional Information

### Physician to Physician Handover of COVID-19 Patients

From **HHS Dispatch**: During the past few days, perhaps due to the number of changes to units at the JHCC, some gaps have surfaced regarding notification to physicians prior to patient transfers. Please ensure that patients are transferred ONLY after the covering physician is notified and physician-to-physician handover has taken place.

Policy for Physician to Physician Handover:

[http://policy.hhsc.ca/Site\\_Published/hhsc/policy\\_details.aspx?policyDetails.QueryId=79829](http://policy.hhsc.ca/Site_Published/hhsc/policy_details.aspx?policyDetails.QueryId=79829)



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