

Guelph and Area Ontario Health Team

Partners of the Guelph and Area OHT (G&A OHT) continue to **advance a community level approach to keeping the residents of Guelph and Area healthy and safe through the prevention and coordinated management of COVID-19 and its secondary health impacts**. The G&A OHT completed a concise set of activities over the summer months to prepare for the second wave of the pandemic that we are now experiencing. To review this plan and the completed actions, click [here](#).

In our last newsletter, we provided information about the Ministry's investment of \$25.5 million for approved Ontario Health Teams. As a prerequisite for this funding, G&A OHT developed a 'Collaborative Decision-Making Arrangement' (CDMA) demonstrating that the appropriate written agreements and arrangements between the partners are in place to ensure Guelph and Area Ontario Health Team decisions are made collaboratively. The G&A OHT CDMA is available [here](#).

To support the use of these funds towards achievement of the vision of the G&A OHT, each Working Group has identified its priority activities. All priorities are directly focused on the development of Integrated Primary Care Teams (IPCTs, which as a reminder, are the foundation of our G&A OHT), increasing our understanding the health of our population and/or addressing the COVID-19 related needs of our community. Each Working Group has also identified resources/funding that is required to achieve their desired outcomes. This informed the budget for the G&A OHT Implementation Funding. The current work plan of the G&A OHT can be viewed [here](#).

The Guelph and Area OHT is receiving Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for free distribution to disadvantaged residents in our community including homeless, vulnerably housed and/or low income residents. It is also available for organizations/providers who support this population as well as those who require PPE to care for loved ones. The Guelph Community Health Centre (CHC) is supporting the distribution of this PPE, as well as the distribution of PPE that has been received by community donation. If you require PPE, please contact Lindsey Sodtke (lsodtke@guelphchc.ca) to make arrangements. Please share this offering with your partners/colleagues.

2020 has been a difficult year. We know that this holiday season is going to be challenging as we all continue to contribute to keeping ourselves, our families and our community safe from COVID-19. We thank you for your partnership and contributions to the health and health care in our community. May we all find respite and hope over the holidays that will carry us through the coming months and into a healthier 2021. All the best of the holidays to you and your organization!



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