

Guelph and Area Ontario Health Team

Partners of the Guelph and Area OHT (G&A OHT) agreed to pause all non-essential activities on April 19, 2021 so partners could continue our dedicated focus on supporting our community's COVID-19-related needs. Our collective efforts have been successful in reducing the cases of COVID and increasing vaccination rates in our community. However, much work and vigilance is still required to ensure we successfully emerge from this third wave and hopefully, this pandemic, once and for all. **The road to recovery will be a long one but we are confident the community partnerships and population health focus of Ontario Health Teams, ideally position us to lead the way.** We expect to begin resuming regular activities in late May/early June.

In April, in response to the pandemic's third wave, we asked community partners to consider staff who may have the skills and be available to support redeployment needs in our community. The Ministry of Health continues to share information and case modelling scenarios that would inform the need for a formal request for redeployed staff from our community partners. At this time, the anticipated need is not imminent, but we will continue to monitor both case counts and human resource capacity. **Thank-you for considering this request in support of the health of our community during this unprecedented time.**



Rural Wellington and Guelph and Area Ontario Health Team partners continue to explore and forge our path to establish a joint Ontario Health Team. Rural Wellington partners have joined the work underway within G&A OHT to identify joint strategic priorities based on the needs of the population that we collectively serve. Additionally, RW and G&A OHT Steering Committees are holding joint meetings to form the foundation of the future joint OHT.

Upcoming opportunities to engage with and support the Guelph and Area OHT include:

- **Community Engagement Data Analysis and Strategic Foresight Sessions**

If you are a G&A OHT or Rural Wellington working group member or community partner, please register for a workshop where you can review and support analysis of the data that was collected from our community in response to the Strategic Priority Setting survey and engagements completed earlier this year. You will also contribute to discussion about the future of health care that will inform the OHT's joint strategic priorities moving forward. Please register for one of the following sessions:

- Monday June 7 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm – click [here](#) to register
 - Wednesday, June 9 from 10:30am to 12:00pm – click [here](#) to register
 - Thursday, June 17, 10:30am–12:00pm – click [here](#) to register
- **G&A OHT Webinar with Community Partners** join us on Thursday June 3, 2021 from 12:30-1:30 for a conversation with G&A OHT partners about the current status, progress and plans of the Ontario Health Team. Click [here](#) to register.



Partners of the Guelph and Area Ontario Health Team want to acknowledge the care and compassion that all nurses and other frontline health care workers have contributed to our community's fight against COVID-19. You have also supported our community's other health care needs during this most

challenging time and have done so with patience, grace and skill. **During this National Nurses Week, partners of the Guelph and Area Ontario Health Team celebrate you and your selfless contributions to the health of our community! Thank-you!**

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