

**Date:** May 14, 2021  
**To:** G&A OHT Core Steering Committee  
**From:** Emmi Perkins  
**Subject:** Key Messages – Core Steering – May 12, 2021

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The following are the Key Messages from the G&A OHT Steering Committee meeting that can be shared with your staff, clinicians, boards, partners etc. as appropriate:

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**Key Messages**

- COVID-19 rates in our community continue to come down but the rate of the reduction in cases is slowing and we remain at a precarious stage of the third wave. Guelph General Hospital continues to support a high number of COVID patients both from our community and transferred in from other communities. The supply of vaccines are increasing and Guelph is nearing 50% of residents having received their first shot.
- G&A OHT continues to communicate with the Ministry about the policy and legislative challenges we encounter as we advance our work e.g. the IPCT model pilots, Harmonized Information Management/privacy, system planning and design etc. The Ministry remains interested in our ideas to address these barriers and continues to encourage our innovative and transformational efforts.
- Rural Wellington and Guelph and Area OHT Partners will resume their series of joint meetings on June 9 with a focus on building trust and advancing our partnership in support of improving the health of the residents of Guelph and Wellington County. We will be creating a process to rename our joint OHT – stay tuned for details about how to contribute!
- One of the deliverables of the Implementation Funding is the development of an “OHT Expansion Plan”. In support of this, the Steering Committee has done a review of some other OHT’s expansion plans and have had generative discussions about what it means to be a committed partner of the G&A OHT. The G&A OHT looks forward to welcoming new partners who commit to partnership as described in the [“Commitment of Partnership” document](#). The Steering Committee recognizes the need to be flexible and iterative in its approach to expanding the G&A OHT as continues to mature.

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