

The Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team is growing! Since establishing our new name to reflect our partnership with Rural Wellington providers, we continue to welcome new partners to the OHT. Most recently, Mount Forest Family Health Team and Minto-Mapleton Family Health Team have indicated their formal commitment to Direct Core Partnership¹ with the Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team (GW OHT). Additionally, ARCH has committed to Enabling Core Partnership¹. This commitment of partnership is based on a revised Collaborative Decision Making Arrangement (click [here](#)) that includes a commitment to contribute to the health & well-being of the entire population of Guelph & Wellington County.

Help us select a new logo!!!! Which of the following images should the GW OHT adopt as its official logo? Click [here](#) to vote for your favourite! Voting closes October 1, 2021.

LOGO A



LOGO B



LOGO C



Throughout the past year, people in Guelph and Wellington have been given opportunities to have their voices heard as the GW OHT seeks to understand the needs of our community as part of a joint strategic priority setting process. Going into the fall, there are further opportunities to shape our community's priorities. **On September 28th, from 2:30-5pm, we are inviting all partners to participate in a data interpretation workshop** where we will collaboratively validate the themes coming from the engagement data we've collected. We will then cluster the themes to uncover connections between them and establish a set of key insights that will inform our priorities. Click [here](#) to register.

**Guelph
Wellington OHT**
STRATEGIC PRIORITY
SETTING UPDATE

¹ <https://guelphwellingtonoht.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/PartnerDescriptions-May-2021.pdf>

JOIN US for a 'GW OHT Webinar with Community Partners'

on Friday, October 1, from 12:30-1:30 for a conversation about the current status, progress and plans of the Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team. We want your ideas and feedback about where we are heading and how we can do our absolute best to help our community be as health as it can be! Click [here](#) to register.



Partners of the GW OHT are committed to protecting the health and safety of our residents and staff. Partners are strongly encouraging all staff to be fully vaccinated as we know vaccines are our best defense and help us to keep our health care system accessible to meet all the health needs of our residents. Within the OHT, we have very high staff vaccination rates and celebrate our collective efforts to develop policies and practices to support staff to keep our community safe.



September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

It's a day meant to be part of a reconciliation process for us to spread awareness of & reflect on the tragedies experienced by Indigenous people as a result of Canada's history and legacy of the residential "school" system. Please consider participating in a series of [online events](#) hosted by the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#) during their Truth and Reconciliation Week (from Sept 27 to Oct 1). The series will feature short videos created by Indigenous storytellers, followed by conversations with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Survivors, and the children of Survivors of residential schools. All the events are accessible to the public and [registration is free](#). Also, please consider reviewing the following reports and discussing them with your friends, colleagues & family to bring awareness and action to support truth and reconciliation in our health care system and broader society:

- [The Survivors Speak](#)
- [Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future](#)

Orange Shirt Day

September 30th

What can you do?



Read books by Indigenous authors



Review the 94 Truth and Reconciliation calls to action and commit to at least one



Watch online events hosted by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation



Identify and connect with your local Indigenous serving organizations



Read Phyllis Webstad's book "The Orange Shirt Story"



The Digital Health Working group added two new roles assisting with our efforts to add new digital tools to practices in the GW OHT.

Dr. Kevin Samson - In his 35 years of primary care practice, Kevin has led in the application of digital tools to improve patient outcomes and provider efficiency. He will use his experience in the position of Digital Health Clinical Lead to assist GW OHT partners by offering practical advice on the clinical value of digital tools.

Adding new tools to a medical practice requires hands-on attention to detail. **Jessica Lemon**, as the new Digital Health Coordinator, brings her experience as a project manager at the eHealth Centre of Excellence to assist GW OHT partners to successfully adopt new digital health tools.

This month we are launching an effort to identify clinics interested in adding Online Booking to their practices. Already in use in many GW OHT practices 'Online Booking' has many advantages for clinic operations. Please contact Jessica if you want to learn more about our Online Booking implementation plan. Jessica.lemon@ehealthce.ca



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