

Date: February 4, 2022
To: GW OHT Core Steering Committee
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Subject: **Key Messages – Core Steering – February 2, 2022**

Key Messages

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT Steering Committee meeting on February 2, 2022. They can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, and partners.

- The Steering Committee discussed the status of COVID-19 in our community. While we are seeing a decline in the number of cases in Guelph Wellington, hospitalizations have not yet decreased but are expected to do so in the coming weeks. Health human resource capacity is also improving. It is anticipated that cases will increase as a result of return to school and re-opening.
- A Town Hall webinar is being held on Thursday, February 3 to share information about how to access COVID Antivirals (Paxlovid) for Guelph Wellington residents. A recording of the webinar and information/documents to support access to Paxlovid will be posted to the [GW OHT website](#) once available.
- The Steering Committee discussed their collective concerns about the impact that the pandemic has had on the mental and emotional health of children/youth. The Steering Committee asked staff to collect data to scope and define the problem in our community. Additionally, the GW OHT Steering Committee is interested in working with other community partners to collectively support post-COVID recovery for our community's children and youth.
- The Steering Committee was presented with a 'GW OHT Branding Standard' that had been developed by the GW OHT Communication Working Group. The purpose of the standard is to support consistent use of the GW OHT name and logo "to create a clear and positive image of the Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team". It also defines when partners should use the GW OHT logo based on the number of GW OHT member organizations involved in a GW OHT-related initiative. This 'brand architecture' is designed to build trust in and recognition of GW OHT among our clients, colleagues and community members while recognizing the distinctive roles our member organizations play in the communities they serve. Approval of the Standard will be sought at the next Steering Committee meeting and the standard will be posted on the [GW OHT website](#) once approved.
- In support of the GW OHT foundational vision, the Steering Committee received an update regarding the progress of 'Integrated Primary Care Teams' (IPCTs) (click [here](#) to view presentation). Three IPCT pilot sites were launched in Q1-Q3 and 5 additional sites are being launched in Q4. Lessons learned and quality improvements from the pilots are being incorporated into the plans of the new IPCT sites. A roadmap to full implementation of the IPCT model was shared with the Steering Committee. As GW OHT Working Groups develop their work plans for 2022/23 over the coming weeks, the Steering

- The Steering Committee asked that all efforts be directed towards supporting the implementation of the IPCT model as it is the model by which the GW OHT will achieve integrated and transformed care and improved health for the residents of Guelph Wellington.

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