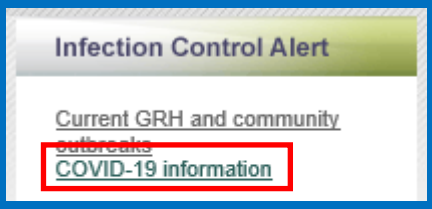
Looking for more?

www.GRHAllThingsCOVID.com

Also accessible through LotusLink:



OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

- COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs
- Protected Code Blue procedures
- COVID-19 Updates and clinic information on GRH website
- Region of Waterloo COVID-19 Dashboard
- Free or discounted goods/ services for healthcare

KEY CONTACTS

- All staff questions—contact your immediate manager
- Physician inquiries—contact the Chief of Staff office
- Union inquiries—ext. 2184
- COVID-19 Employee Health—ext. 1919 or covid.travel@grhosp.on.ca
- COVID-19 Testing for staff: 226-806-5690 option 4
- Employee & Family Assistance Program: 1-800-663-1142
- Here 24/7: 519-821-3582 or 1-844-437-3247
- Staff Support Chats: 226-750-0953 (text or call) or staff.support@grhosp.on.ca

GRAND RIVER HOSPITAL
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COVID-19 Update

Tuesday, May 25

We currently have 9 admitted patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 *(May 25 @ 13:00).*

HUMAN RESOURCES

Second Vaccine Doses—Earlier Interval for Eligible Staff: The Ministry of Health has provided further direction for the second dose for eligible health care workers. Our vaccine clinic has arranged some on-site pop-up clinics to provide these second doses to eligible staff. Click here to read the full communique. Here are some FAQs we've received:

Q: Am I eligible?
A: At this time, only **front-line workers caring for COVID-19 patients,** or **front-line workers with a high-risk of exposure** (ie, performing high-risk medical procedures like Code Blue response) are eligible. We will communicate with you if the eligibility changes.

Q: Is the pop-up clinic drop in, or do I need an appointment?
A: You must have an appointment. Your manager will contact you to arrange an appointment if you are eligible.

ICYMI: Paid COVID-19 leave for eligible employees: The Ontario government has enacted three days of paid leave for eligible employees who miss work for a designated reason related COVID-19. Please click here for more information about this leave from Human Resources.

ICYMI: Extended mental health benefits through Manulife: For staff enrolled in the benefits program, there are now enhanced benefit amounts for visits with mental health practitioners available until September 30, 2021. Please click here to view more details. We encourage all staff to also make use of the enhancements to our free Homewood EFAP program.

GRH FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

ICYMI: Freeport Pioneer Terrace Door Changes: The PT door at Freeport is now open from 07:30—17:30.

ICYMI: Freeport Courtyard now open! The Courtyard is now open for use by staff, patients, and care partners. It's important to be diligent when using this space to ensure all IPAC precautions are maintained at all times. Please check the communique for further instructions about pre-booking care partner visits in the courtyard.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL UPDATE

May 25:

- On Thursday, Ontario released its new roadmap for re-opening
- People aged 12 and up are now eligible for the vaccine across the Province
- Long term care homes are now allowing outdoor visits with residents

Ontario and local numbers: May 24 brought 1,039 new cases bringing the Ontario total to 524,950 (updated May 25, 10:30 am—source). Waterloo Region reported 30 new cases, for a total of 430 currently active cases. (updated May 25, 1:30pm—source).

In Waterloo Region, 282,564 people have received a vaccine dose—56.28% of the population. 18,111 WR residents are fully vaccinated–3.89% of the population. (updated May 25, 1:30pm—source)

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