



# CEO Report to the Board

October 19, 2021



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## 1.0 COVID-19 Developments

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#### COVID-19 border measures end

Effective October 1, all [COVID-19 border requirements](#), including vaccination, mandatory use of ArriveCAN, and testing and quarantine/isolation are no longer required for all travellers entering Canada. As well, travellers are no longer required to undergo health checks for travel on air and rail or wear masks on planes and trains.

#### Pfizer bivalent COVID-19 vaccine approved

- Health Canada has [authorized a second bivalent COVID-19 vaccine booster](#). This is an updated version of the Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine targeting the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants, and is authorized for use as a booster dose in individuals aged 12 and older. The booster is expected to trigger a strong immune response against both the original SARS-CoV-2 strain as well as the Omicron BA.4/BA.5 subvariants. It is expected to have a similar safety profile to the original Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty vaccine, with mostly mild side effects.
- With Health Canada approval of the Pfizer bivalent vaccine, the Ontario government has announced that [everyone aged 12 and over is eligible to get a bivalent COVID-19 booster](#) dose starting October 17 if they have completed their primary COVID-19 vaccine series.

### St. Joseph's COVID-19 Updates

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#### Moderna bivalent booster and influenza vaccine both available at St. Joseph's

To help prevent the spread of influenza, and in accordance with St. Joseph's Influenza Vaccination for Staff Policy, influenza vaccination clinics began the week of October 10. This year, the Moderna Spikevax Bivalent BA.1 COVID-19 vaccine is also available at influenza clinics. The bivalent vaccine targets the original COVID-19 virus as well as Omicron variant BA.1, which was the variant experienced in January 2022. As per the [National Advisory Committee on Immunization](#), it is safe to receive the influenza vaccine at the same time, before or after a COVID-19 vaccine.

Staff, physicians and volunteers are being urged to get both vaccinations to protect themselves, their families, our residents/patients, the community and our health care partners. Australia's harsh influenza season this year is a predictor of what might happen in Canada. Based on these insights, experts predict that hospitals in Canada could face a more severe influenza season on top of a potential COVID-19 surge, creating additional pressure on an already struggling health care system.

As always, the influenza shot is also available to staff and physicians through unit peer vaccinators, St. Joseph's two Prescription Shop locations and in the community.

The Prescription Shop at St. Joseph's Hospital will also provide the Moderna bivalent booster to staff, physicians, volunteers and the general public as eligible.

#### Changes to return-to-work guidelines and screening app use

St. Joseph's Pandemic Management Team has approved changes to the COVID-19 Return to Work Guidelines and screening app. These changes are reflective of the evolution of the COVID-

19 pandemic and a recognition of the current staffing challenges being faced at St. Joseph's and across our sector. Effective October 12, the following revised guidelines, which align with London Health Sciences Centre, apply to all staff, physicians and learners:

- **Return to work:** Staff who are COVID-19 positive and symptomatic can return to work on day seven; if positive and asymptomatic, can return on day five; and if negative and symptomatic, return is permitted when symptoms are resolving.
- **Staff who test positive must return with the following parameters:**
  - N95 mask must be worn for the duration of the previously required 10-day period.
  - Breaks must be taken alone for the duration of the previously required 10-day period.
  - Proper handwashing
  - Daily symptom monitoring
- **COVID-19 hotline:** Staff and physicians are required to call the COVID-19 Hotline **only** if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Those who are COVID-19 negative and symptomatic can call in sick through normal procedures to their leader. Individuals who are off work past day five are required to contact Occupational Health and Safety Services.
- **Perimeter screening app:** The perimeter screening app will be phased out starting October 13. All staff and physicians are to follow the guidelines above for contacting work when ill. The screening app will be decommissioned on October 24, 2022. Self-screening for symptoms is still required of all staff and physicians.

While vigilance remains essential, especially as influenza season approaches, these changes are a step in the right direction as we transition to living with COVID-19.

### **Ongoing monitoring and testing for COVID-19**

The Infection Prevention and Control team and Occupational Health and Safety Services team continue to support the clinical programs in monitoring cases and exposures for residents and patients, and staff monitoring and testing. There was one declared and four suspected COVID-19 outbreaks in September 2022. Community spread continues to be the primary source for COVID-19 infections among residents, patients and staff.

## **2.0 Strategy in Action**

### **Reaching Out to Our Community**

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#### **Project SEARCH launched**

In partnership with Hutton House and Thames Valley District School Board, St. Joseph's launched the first year of Project SEARCH in September 2022 with seven individuals currently taking part in internships in various programs and services at Parkwood Institute. Within their placements, the students are engaging in targeted work experiences to learn specific, relevant and transferable job skills and build communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills, with the goal of competitive employment at graduation.

As previously reported, [Project SEARCH](#) is a 10-month school-to-work transition program for students with developmental or intellectual disabilities in their last year of high school eligibility. The initiative involves collaboration among the agencies to establish internships that help prepare these students for the working world. The program uses an innovative business-led model that features total workplace immersion, classroom instruction, career exploration and on-the-job

training and support. Also at Parkwood Institute, a classroom has been established for the program and instruction is supported by a teacher from Thames Valley District School Board and a skills trainer from Hutton House.

Throughout the school year (September to June), students will participate in three, 10-week internships. For the first internship, the following St. Joseph's programs and services are providing training:

- Food and Nutrition Services
- Environmental Services
- Healthcare Materials Management Services
- Facilities Management
- Library Services
- Ambulatory clinics at Parkwood Institute Mental Health Care Building

Project SEARCH aligns with St. Joseph's strategic priority to build alliances in our community and region in a collaborative and inclusive way to foster equity, health and well-being of our community and those in our care.

### **Nurses for Housing**

A fundraising initiative in London is calling on nurses to join the [Nurses for Housing Campaign Cabinet](#) spearheaded by Abe Oudshoorn with Western University's Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing in partnership with Indwell and other community partners. Abe is the nursing school's Chair in Nursing Leadership in Health Equity.

The goal of the campaign is to raise funds for Indwell's newest housing project, which will see the creation of permanent affordable, supportive housing within the former War Memorial Children's Hospital. The hospital, located on the old Victoria Hospital grounds, is meaningful to many nurses as they may have trained and worked there. The campaign is an opportunity for nurses to help retrofit the building to become a home to many of the people they have supported over the years who struggle with homelessness. The tagline for the Nurses for Housing campaign is "Enabling Health through Housing", which speaks to a foundational nursing (health care) concept of creating healthy, healing environments to promote recovery.

Two St. Joseph's leaders – Amanda Thibeault and Deb Gibson – have joined the campaign cabinet, building upon St. Joseph's long-standing partnership with Indwell and its work to develop affordable housing communities that support people seeking health, wellness and belonging. For this latest project, Indwell is joining forces with six non-profit housing developers, a collaboration called the Vision SoHo Alliance. Groundbreaking took place October 14.

### **Helping to shape urgent care in Southwestern Ontario**

A large group from Windsor Regional Hospital and Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services came to St. Joseph's to learn about our Urgent Care Centre (UCC). The Windsor group has been tasked with 'redesigning' health care provision in their region with the building of a new 'mega' hospital and the discernment of adding a second emergency-type of service in the region – an 'emerg-lite' or an urgent care centre. UCC leadership, including physicians, provided information and gave tours of the UCC. St. Joseph's will continue to be in contact with our Windsor partners to learn from their experience as part of our clinical master planning process.

### **DocTalks Podcast proving popular**

Two episodes in season one of St. Joseph's new DocTalks Podcast were launched in September 2022, each with comprehensive promotion of the content to target audiences. Episode one, "To screen or not to screen – the latest on prostate cancer" with St. Joseph's urologist Dr. Stephen Pautler, was released on September 7, 2022, and "Do I have dementia?" with geriatrician Dr. Michael Borrie came out September 27, 2022. In just one month, each episode had been downloaded by more than 100 unique listeners. On October 18, the latest episode was released – a conversation with urologist Dr. Jeffery Campbell on erectile dysfunction, which is expected to generate much interest.

Listeners can tune into the DocTalks Podcast for free on their computer or smart device through established platforms like Apple Podcast and Spotify. Episodes can also be found online on [St. Joseph's website](#).

### **Partnering to promote breast screening**

At its height, the pandemic significantly impacted the delivery of health care – either through appointments put on hold or patients afraid to come in. Inadvertently, COVID-19 also provided further proof of the effectiveness and importance of timely breast screening by allowing researchers to evaluate the effects of temporarily putting breast screening on hold. While the incidence in breast cancer has not changed since the pandemic began, a major US study recently reported a 38 per cent drop in breast cancer detected through screening in 2020 compared with 2019. This means that many women who missed their screening are at risk of having their cancers detected at later stages of the disease, which can affect outcomes.

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, St. Joseph's is partnering with the London Regional Cancer Program to encourage women who missed their breast screening appointment due to the pandemic to book it now. Through social media and a story on [St. Joseph's website](#), information is being shared on the importance of routine screening for those who are eligible, the COVID-19 side effect on breast cancer detection that has come to light, St. Joseph's role as an OBSP screening site and London's hub for state-of-the-art breast imaging and diagnosis, and alternate locations for screening.

### **Sharing our knowledge internationally – South West Frail Seniors Strategy**

The comprehensive discovery work involved in developing the South West Frail Seniors Strategy was featured in the September 2022 issue of the *International Journal for Integrated Care*. The abstract, titled [Developing a Regional Strategy for Older Adults Living with Frailty: Recommendations from Patients, Family Caregivers and Health Care Providers](#), details the approach taken to develop the strategy, which may be relevant to other organizations and health systems interested in creating their own regional frailty strategies.

As previously reported, the purpose of the South West Frail Senior Strategy is to improve outcomes and experiences of the health care system for older adults with frailty and their caregivers. Together with health care and community partners, older adults and caregivers, the strategy will work to create locally integrated systems of care that shift the way services are offered for this underserved population. St. Joseph's was the lead organization in the development of this regional strategy. Lead author of the abstract is Jacobi Elliott, evaluation specialist with Specialized Geriatric Services at St. Joseph's.

### **The super power of poop – an update**

As previously reported, St. Joseph's, in collaboration with Lawson Health Research Institute, is raising awareness of our success in fecal transplants as treatment for C. difficile, how and why fecal transplants are done, their promising potential to treat an array of illnesses, the patient and poop donor experience, and the donation process. The hope is to attract new donors, which are critically needed for this exciting and expanding area of research, and to save lives.

As a result of [storytelling](#) and social media, the need for poop donors has generated national media – some of it quite creative – along with a surge of emails and phone calls from potential donors. To date, more than 100 inquiries have been received from people interested in becoming donors. The eligibility criteria for donors are stringent, which is among the challenges of finding donors. Of those who have reached out, 10 to 12 have passed preliminary screening and will go on to lab testing. While not all will pass, this is considered an outstanding outcome.

### **'Brain It On' Corporate Challenge**

A large contingent of Parkwood Institute Rehabilitation Program staff, leadership and physicians participated in or volunteered at the second annual 'Brain It On' event sponsored by Siskinds Law Firm on September 29, 2022 at Palasud South. Twenty-four teams of six to eight participants each attended this unique, fast-paced fundraiser, with teams rotating through a variety of fun events including bowling, ping pong, cognitive games, puzzles, laser tag and Minute-to-Win-It games. The event raised more than \$29,000 in support of the Acquired Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program through St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation. Proceeds will support new treatments and therapies to advance the care of people with acquired brain injuries.

## **Advancing Excellence in Care Together**

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### **Strengthening medication safety**

Mount Hope Centre for Long Term Care has been selected as a Trailblazer Home in the [Strengthening Medication Safety in Long-Term Care initiative](#) supported by the Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada and the Ministry of Long-Term Care. The goal of this three-year initiative is to reduce harm associated with medication management errors within long-term care. Trailblazer Homes receive tools, facilitation and coaching in support of incident analysis, quality improvement and measuring and evaluating medication safety. As part of this work, an important focus is on resident and family engagement and participation.

### **Collaboration between councils explored**

St. Joseph's Care Partnership Office recently brought together staff and co-chairs from all seven patient, resident, care partner and family councils for a networking meeting aimed at strengthening the relationship between these groups. The councils have not come together before and doing so provided an opportunity for each council to share their current work and projects. There was discussion on work plans, goals, ideas and initiatives with commonality found and the beginnings of discovery on where efficiencies could be found by collaborating on projects.

Plans have been made for the councils to meet again in November 2022 to discuss accreditation and the strategic plan as it relates to council objectives. Going forward, these groups will meet once a quarter to continue to build relationships and support the work of one another.



### **Care partners participate in strategic planning**

A group of our care partners recently had an opportunity to virtually meet with St. Joseph's CEO to discuss the importance of care partnership to the organization and its future strategic directions. Hosted by St. Joseph's Care Partnership Office, the session was enlightening. Building on the conversation, care partners were invited to meet with the Care Partnership Office team to talk about the goals of the Care Partnership Office in relation to the strategic plan. The care partners discussed key priorities they would like to see addressed, such as education on care partnerships for teams, leaders and physicians, new care partner recruiting strategies, and care partner development and education in storytelling, quality improvement and research to build confidence in their roles.

## **Leading in Research and Innovation**

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### **Novel method to diagnose long COVID discovered**

Researchers at Lawson Health Research Institute have found that patients with post-COVID-19 condition (long COVID) have unique biomarkers in their blood. In a study published in [Molecular Medicine](#), the researchers looked at 140 blood samples from patients of St. Joseph's Post-Acute COVID-19 Program and at London Health Sciences Centre. Participants were those with presumed long COVID, hospital inpatients with acute COVID-19 infection, and healthy control subjects. The team found that blood vessels of those with presumed long COVID changed rapidly after a confirmed COVID-19 infection. They also found that patients with long COVID had 14 elevated blood biomarkers. With the help of machine learning, they discovered that two biomarkers called ANG-1 and P-SEL could be used to classify long COVID with 96 per cent accuracy.

Biomarkers not only help diagnose a disease but also provide insight into potential treatments. The team, which includes St. Joseph's respirologist Dr. Michael Nicholson, is now working on developing a first-of-its kind blood test that could be used to diagnose long COVID. The discovery could also lead to new therapeutics for this condition. Read more on [Lawson's website](#).

### **2022 Impact Awards**

This year's Lawson Health Research Institute's Impact Awards are being celebrated via a month-long, online celebration. Recipients are being announced throughout October beginning October 3 and culminating with the Scientist of the Year Award, which will be revealed on October 31. You can follow the announcements and learn about each winner on the [Lawson Impact Awards website](#).

The awards recognize hospital-based research that makes a difference by advancing scientific knowledge and applying it directly to patient care. With awards in eight categories, the annual event honours Lawson scientists, staff, trainees and partners who demonstrate excellence.

## **Leveraging technology**

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### **Patient portal planning launched**

Planning recently got underway for HealtheLife, Cerner's patient portal. This portal will be integrated with our electronic health record and will enable interaction between the patient, family and their health care teams as well as provide the patient with access to their personal health information. The portal will span St. Joseph's, London Health Sciences Centre, and the regional hospitals associated with our OneChart

environment. Prioritizing patient involvement in the development and delivery of this new platform is of paramount importance, as is the engagement of relevant teams across all hospitals.

HealthLife will initially be offered to patients of early adopter clinical areas, currently being identified, with anticipated go-live occurring in April/May 2023. Future expansion of HealthLife will continue as part of the OneChart Phase II implementation.

## Empowering people

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### **Share the Spirit 2022**

St. Joseph's annual employee giving campaign Share the Spirit kicked off on October 4. Once again, leader dunk tanks and array of food trucks at various sites were part of the launch. Staff paid to dunk their leader and 10 per cent of food truck sales went towards the campaign.

Share the Spirit is one way St. Joseph's actively works to pursue our mission to advocate and care for those who are vulnerable and without a voice. The campaign provides an opportunity for staff and physicians to make a donation to St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation and/or United Way Elgin Middlesex. Together, the work of these two organizations affects the lives of countless people in our community, including many St. Joseph's patients.

The 2022 Share the Spirit fundraising goal is \$150,000 and numerous fundraising initiatives are planned throughout the campaign, which runs until November 4, 2022.

### **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation was observed on September 30, 2022, across St. Joseph's. Staff and physicians were encouraged to wear an orange shirt, recognizing that "every child matters" and committing, as a member of society, to not repeat the tragedies of the past. This year, St. Joseph's sponsored the purchase of the shirts for staff and physicians, which were available through our community partner, Atlohsa Family Healing Services, as part of its orange shirt initiative called "Relighting the Fire of Hope". More than 1,100 shirts were ordered by staff and physicians.

Across Canada, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. While it's essential for St. Joseph's to mark this occasion, there is greater importance in how we work each day to improve our system for Indigenous peoples in our community. At St. Joseph's, we are developing and fostering partnerships to take action and make lasting change in how care is designed and delivered for Indigenous people. Among those partnerships are:

- With Middlesex London and Elgin Ontario Health Teams and community health care agencies, we are working with local First Nation communities to understand their health care experiences and develop opportunities for system improvement through co-design sessions and individual conversations. The first session was held with Chippewas of the Thames First Nation in August 2022, with further consultations planned for this fall. The team leading this work is committed to building sustained, cooperative, mutually beneficial and respectful relationships with local First Nation communities. We will actively listen and partner authentically to make improvements for better health and well-being.



- With Atlohosa, the Biigajiisakaan Indigenous Pathways to Mental Wellness program continues to evolve to provide accessible, culturally safe, specialized care for Indigenous people with serious mental illness, addictions and concurrent disorders. Through co-design and consultation with Indigenous Elders from local communities, work is ongoing to strengthen this Indigenous-led referral-based program. Read more on [St. Joseph's website](#).
- Atlohosa, in partnership with the Thames Valley District School Board, hosted a program this past summer in the Zone J outbuilding at Parkwood Institute for youth transitioning to high school. Called Weaving Our Path, the program focused on connecting participants with peers and educator supports while providing them tools and cultural knowledge through Indigenous teachings.

### **Moral distress - healing and restoration**

In recognition of Spiritual Care Awareness Week October 16 - 22, all staff and physicians were invited to attend a webinar on October 17 titled "From Moral Distress to Moral Imagination" sponsored by Spiritual Care at St. Joseph's.

While moral distress is not a new phenomenon for health care workers, the reach and impact has been exacerbated by concurrent crises over the last few years. The webinar explores how we move beyond the narrative of powerlessness and despair to a positive narrative where moral agency and moral imagination can be explored and practiced. It recognizes that programs designed to assist individuals suffering from moral distress must go beyond strategies that help with physical or psychological suffering. They must also include a spiritual component that addresses spiritual suffering and promotes healing and restoration. The presenter is Francis Maza, Vice President of Mission, Ethics and Spirituality at Providence Health Care in British Columbia.

### **Medical leadership announcement**

Medical Affairs has announced that Dr. Michael Shimizu has been appointed as St. Joseph's Chief of Dentistry and London Health Sciences Centre's Corporate Dental Executive for a five-year term, effective October 1.

## **3.0 Other - Finance/Facilities/Operational/Legislation**

### **Questions and answers - understanding Bill 7**

The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) has developed [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to help hospitals understand the changes resulting from Bill 7, More Beds, Better Care Act, 2022. The related regulatory amendments were filed on September 14, 2022, and made regulatory changes under the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 and the Public Hospitals Act, with effective dates of September 21, 2022, and November 20, 2022. The Frequently Asked Questions is a companion document to OHA backgrounders that detail the [legislative](#) and [regulatory](#) changes under Bill 7.

## **4.0 Recognition**

### **An exceptional volunteer**

Congratulations to long-time St. Joseph's volunteer Chris Boyd, who has received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, Canada's highest honour for volunteerism. Presented by the Governor General of Canada, the medal recognizes exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians across the country.

For the past 15 years, Chris has served as a member and Co-Chair of the Mental Health Care Family Council at Parkwood Institute Mental Health Care Building, where she was instrumental in helping to create and teach the Family Education Course. The program helps families better understand and navigate the mental health care system, and connects them to appropriate community resources as needed. A retired teacher, Chris also has lived experience with mental illness, is currently an outpatient at Parkwood Institute, and volunteers on the Patient Council, which provides a voice for ongoing improvement of care for people receiving mental health care services at Parkwood Institute.

Chris officially received her award at a ceremony held at Parkwood Institute on October 6. While she could have chosen to accept her medal at a presentation in Ottawa, Chris preferred to celebrate surrounded by friends, family and co-workers in the building that has both helped her to heal and ignited her passion for mental health advocacy. Read more about Chris on [St. Joseph's website](#).

### **Green Health Care Awards**

St. Joseph's received two awards and one honourable mention at this year's [Green Health Care Awards](#) presented by the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care.

Recognition through the Green Health Care Awards is predicated upon the results of a completed Green Hospital Scorecard survey, a comprehensive 'Made in Canada' health care benchmarking tool that measures hospitals' performance in a number of crucial categories. This year's awards, which are based on 2021 performance, honoured the top performing Canadian hospitals in the categories of Energy and Energy Behaviour as well as Water, Waste, Leadership and Pollution Prevention. The hospitals with the best overall scores in their respective peer groups receive the Green Hospital of the Year Award.

St. Joseph's as an organization received the top score in the Energy Behaviour- Canada Wide category. In the Energy - Ontario category, Parkwood Institute Mental Health Care Building had the top score and Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care received honourable mention. These are excellent results for our organization.

### **From India with love**

After more than six decades of courage, care, and giving back, Ivey Eye Institute physician Dr. Mohan Merchea and his family are creating an award to support ophthalmology residents at St. Joseph's. With personal understanding of the challenge's residents face in the early days of their career, Dr. Merchea and his family have committed \$100,000 to an endowed fund created by St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation to offset costs for ophthalmology residents.

Dr. Merchea graduated from medical school in 1964 in Gwalior, India, and immediately joined the Indian army when India and Pakistan went to war over the disputed Kashmir region. In 1974, he immigrated to Canada with his wife, Kanta, and their young son. He had \$8 in his pocket. Arriving in London, Dr. Merchea would complete a residency in nephrology and, two years later, began a residency in ophthalmology, launching his practice in 1980. When he completed his last cataract surgery in 2018, it marked 50 years since the first time he had done the procedure. Along with his busy practice, Dr. Merchea made time to return to India every year to train ophthalmologists, deliver supplies, and perform surgery on low-income patients.

The new award will recognize the academic excellence of a fourth or fifth-year ophthalmology resident and provide funds for the recipient to offset the cost of an elective course. Read more on about Dr. Merchea and his family on [St. Joseph's website](#).

## 5.0 St. Joseph's in the News

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