

G&A OHT 90-Day Priorities (June – August 2020)

The overarching principle that will guide the work of the Guelph and Area Ontario Health Team is **advancement of a community level approach to keeping the residents of Guelph and Area healthy and safe through the prevention and coordinated management of COVID-19 and its secondary health impacts**. This 90 day plan, and the actions/activities contained within, will support achievement of this objective.

G&A OHT Priority	90-day Actions/Activities - For the period of June through August 2020, G&A OHT will:	Current Status
Key Priority #1 Coordinated Re-Launch	a) Develop a mechanism for sharing existing data/indicators to support system surveillance that enables a collective response to needs and risks across the G&A community. Eg. surge information, at-risk populations, areas of increasing demand/risk etc.	G&A OHT Surveillance Dashboard developed, revised with feedback from Steering Committee and Data & Performance Working Group members and will be shared with G&A OHT Steering Committee every 2-3 weeks. GGH exploring potential of an existing BI tool to support automation and enhanced utility.
	b) Examine, identify commonalities and align organizational re-launch plans including virtual care, return to work policies etc.	We developed a checklist to support other partners to achieve a standard of virtual care practices including a collection of references and examples of organization materials/documents. Click here
	c) Coordinated, collaborative COVID testing strategy	The Guelph COVID Assessment Centre continues to support the COVID-19 testing needs of our community
Key Priority #2 IPAC	a) Develop a coordinated and integrated IPAC strategy & program for G&A OHT that leverages and distributes the skills and expertise of G&A OHT partners	See Appendix A and Key Priority #4. Note development and practice execution of pandemic plans has been prioritized.
Key Priority #3 PPE	a) Building on the current PPE access strategy that aligns the community donation hub, the GGH PPE hub and OHT partner PPE sharing, develop and execute a plan that identifies the PPE needs of each sector (LTC/RH, Hospital, Primary Care, H&CC, Hospice, MH&A, Specialists etc.) and identifies mechanisms to, through a collective, community-level approach, optimize our ability to match PPE demand with supply across Guelph and Area	The PPE Working Group completed a scan of G&A OHT partner organizations to understand PPE procurement status including source and cost. The PPE Working Group endorses the principle of diversification in approaches to procure PPE. The group endorses and encouraged partners to register with Access PPE as a key local resource for quality PPE.
Key Priority #4 Congregate Care Settings	a) Continue to support congregate care settings to address PPE, staffing and IPAC issues and opportunities b) Complete Occupational Health and Safety Risk assessments of at-risk settings	G&A OHT partners continue to meeting weekly to discuss congregate care issues/needs. We also continue to meet weekly with congregate care organizations, through a Community of Practice, to support knowledge translation and collective problem solving. We have developed a multi-partner strategy to support each of our at-risk congregate care settings.

	<p>c) Develop a G&A OHT IPAC program including support to congregate care settings</p> <p>d) Quantify N95 pandemic requirements across G&A OHT congregate care settings and develop a coordinated, community-level plan</p> <p>e) Develop a HHR redeployment plan / integrated system wide staffing plan that builds cross sector/cross continuum partnership and enhanced mobility of resources</p>	<p>The G&A OHT Human Resource Working Group is supporting a re-deployment strategy for Guelph and Area. Communication has been sent to GGH employees inviting volunteers for potential redeployment. For more information about volunteering for potential redeployment, click here</p>
<p>Key Priority #5 Integrated Primary Care Team Development</p>	<p>a) Integrate a dedicated H&CC Care Coordinator within 3 prototype IPCTs</p> <p>b) Complete “Plan” and “Do” of PDSA w three prototype IPCTs to share key data elements between CHRIS and PSS</p> <p>c) Seek clarity and take steps towards securing dedicated SPOs for G&A OHT IPCTs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high level plan (milestones) has been created to guide organizational commitment and more detailed work plans in support of the integration of H&CC functions into the G&A OHT • Three sites have been identified to be part of the first IPCT prototype/pilots. eCE developing plans to support prototype sites with integrated documentation (between CHRIS & Telus). Also, discussions w H&CC re: integration of SPO staff into prototype IPCT teams have been initiated.
<p>Key Priority #6 Overdose Crisis Response</p>	<p>a) Launch G&A OHT Tier 5 Health Hub</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guelph CHC has hired a physician to work 2 days a week dedicated to serving health hub clients. This physician is working in an integrated team with consumption and treatment service staff, outreach workers and outreach nurses to ensure client needs are met with as few barriers to care as possible. The focus at this point in time is in solidifying foundational clinical pathways and tools to ensure timely care (ie. Medical directives, EMR support, etc.). • Guelph CHC (supported through United Way Emergency Relief Funding) has hired an outreach nurse that is embedded at the holiday inn, working with shelter staff, to meet the medical needs of guests of the Interim COVID Shelter (previously shelter guests). This nurse works closely with the hub physician to meet medical needs quickly, and meet people where they are at... literally. The physician has already made a few house calls to the holiday inn. This is being considered a test site for a permanent supportive housing staffing model, and also a key “spoke” that is connected to the hub. • Advocacy continues with the Ministry of Health – Addictions and Substances Branch to fund the expansion of CTS services during COVID to address increased risk in our community. Advocacy also continues with Health Canada to fund a local safe supply program; which will be a program offered through the hub. • A full overview and briefing will be provided to the Steering committee in the coming weeks; including a review of the vision crafted by the working group in the winter of 2020 as well as key milestones since COVID 19. • The Tier 4/5 working group will reconvene in the fall to resume planning.