

**To:** All healthcare professionals, staff & volunteers  
**From:** Louis O'Brien, Chair, PRHC Board of Directors  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021  
**Re:** Thank you

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I am writing to thank you all on behalf of the Board of Directors of Peterborough Regional Health Centre. We wanted all of you – healthcare professionals, staff and volunteers – to know that we have seen and been told of your dedication and your sacrifices. We appreciate the tremendous effort and passion for serving our patients and their families that you have all shown. Thank you for the key role you are playing in this time of frustration, hourly changes, and increasing challenges. We know that many of you are getting very tired of all this. We are inspired by all that you do and especially want to thank you for being there with our patients when those they love and cherish cannot.

A sign of hope is that, at last, we have received Peterborough's first doses of the Moderna vaccine and helped administer it to vulnerable residents of long-term care homes in the area. We are all waiting for a resolution to the supply issues we have seen lately, so that we can start to vaccinate more people in our area.

I want you to know that Dr. McLaughlin has been advocating on your behalf, to every level of the provincial healthcare chain of command – and beyond – to try to get vaccine to all of you as soon as we possibly can. The healthcare system cannot function without all of you being healthy in both mind and body, and I know that being vaccinated will help you all stay safe and healthy.

In closing, I will repeat Dr. McLaughlin's wise advice:

"What we must do is continue to be the best versions of ourselves, rallying together and showing that same strength and resolve I have been so privileged to see from the beginning of this pandemic. Above all, please be the person who sets an example for your colleagues, our patients and the community. You are an inspiration and I want to recognize and thank you for your hard work and your courage in the face of circumstances none of us has faced before. There will be difficult days ahead, but by working together we will get through this just as we have gotten through everything else."

Again, we thank you for all the efforts that have been and continue to be poured into the care of our patients and their families through your dedication and service.

Stay safe, and stay healthy.  
#InThisTogether #PRHCstrong



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