

# COVID-19

## YOUR COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Friend,

As we head into the final weekend of April, I want to thank you for your steadfast support of St. Michael's Hospital. Our fierce community of donors has given an astounding \$10 million to ensure our hospital has what it needs to tackle the COVID-19 crisis, and to spur breakthrough research that will end the pandemic, once and for all. For your contributions to the [Courage Fund](#) and the [Power Fund](#), we are deeply grateful.

Our efforts to support St. Michael's highest COVID-19 priorities are gaining momentum. If we are to find effective treatments, curb the spread and prevent future outbreaks, we must invest in cutting-edge research, right now. Our scientists, among them global leaders in infectious diseases and mechanical ventilation, are racing to find solutions to the pandemic. Please watch the [video message](#) from our Vice-President of Research and Innovation, Dr. Ori Rotstein, about St. Michael's catalytic role in this unprecedented global effort.

And to learn more about our COVID-19 priorities, and how you can help if you are able at this time, please see our [Case for Support](#). Or reach out to us at [info@stmichaelsfoundation.com](mailto:info@stmichaelsfoundation.com).

In honour of National Volunteer Week in Canada, I want to send a special message of profound gratitude to all our volunteers who share their time, talent and energy to help St. Michael's stop at nothing to tackle the toughest health challenges of our time. You inspire us through your actions.

On behalf of everyone at the Foundation, I wish you, your family and everyone in your community a safe and healthy weekend.

Sincerely,

*Lili*

Lili Litwin  
President, St. Michael's Hospital Foundation

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### Powering Pandemic Research

St. Michael's is positioned to lead the global race to end the pandemic. Find out why from Dr. Ori Rotstein, Vice-President of Research and Innovation, and how you can help spur breakthrough COVID-19 research.

## #THANKS4STMIKES



The St. Michael's community says THANK YOU to our courageous health-care teams who stop at nothing to care for us as they tackle the COVID-19 pandemic.

Want to show your appreciation? Send us a smartphone video with your words of encouragement and we'll pass it on. Email Andrea Smith at [SmithAnd@smh.ca](mailto:SmithAnd@smh.ca) or tag us on social #Thanks4StMikes.

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## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

### Facts from the Frontlines

Facts from the Frontlines is a podcast series featuring St. Michael's world-leading experts who speak to us about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Want a quick recap of the episodes? Check out the [summaries here](#).

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## IN THE NEWS



### Rapid reviews of existing studies generate new insights into COVID-19

St. Michael's Knowledge Synthesis Team, led by Dr. Andrea Tricco, is conducting rapid reviews of existing global research on medications that could be used as countermeasures to COVID-19.



### To ventilate or not to ventilate? With COVID-19 there's no clear path

St. Michael's Dr. Laurent Brochard, one of the world's top experts in mechanical ventilation, says that while ventilators may not be able to fix what's wrong with a COVID-19 patient, they can buy time while attempting other treatments. The challenge is determining at what point to ventilate.

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### St. Michael's Kidney Care Centre opens at East York Town Centre

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the need for life-sustaining dialysis services for patients with acute kidney disease. By opening a centre outside the downtown core for the first time, St. Michael's is able to serve the needs of patients in their own community.



### Why COVID-19 may attack the body differently than we think

Understanding how COVID-19 attacks the human body is key to developing an effective treatment or vaccine, but there's still so much we don't know. St. Michael's nephrologist Dr. Jeffrey Perl comments on how the virus damages the kidneys and the increased risks for chronic kidney patients.

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP



### DONATE TO THE POWER FUND

While our relentless frontline health-care workers are battling COVID-19, our internationally renowned scientists are racing to end it.

Right now, we have 80 COVID-19 research projects underway. That's because St. Michael's Hospital is a global research powerhouse, home to the top experts in infectious diseases and ventilation technology.

**DONATE TODAY TO ST. MICHAEL'S POWER FUND AND END THIS PANDEMIC.**

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## FUNDRAISE YOUR WAY FOR COURAGE



### The COVID-19 haircut for a cause

Jeremy Rogers offered donors to his fundraiser for the Courage Fund the chance to watch a live stream of a Young Sweeney Todd (Will Rooney) cut his hair. 25 tuned in to watch and donated over \$2,400.

Have your own idea for how you can show solidarity with our frontline health-care teams who are working relentlessly to care for us during COVID-19? Set up your own fundraiser for St. Michael's Hospital's Courage Fund.

[CREATE YOUR OWN FUNDRAISER >>](#)

## STAY UPDATED

Follow our social channels ([@stmichaelsfdn](#)) and visit our [COVID-19 information page](#) and [unityhealth.to](http://unityhealth.to) for regular updates on how St. Michael's is responding to COVID-19.

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