

Dear Friend,

Over the last few days, we – and the entire health-care team at St. Michael's Hospital – have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from all our friends who are eager to help this hospital tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. We are truly grateful for your unflagging support.

Keeping our community safe, healthy and informed is our top priority. And so I take this opportunity to share the latest news on how St. Michael's has prepared to face the pandemic, as well as some resources you can access to stay up to date.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED: COVID-19 PODCAST

We know that you and your families are understandably anxious. You may be asking, what is this virus and what are the symptoms? How does it spread? What can I do to protect myself and my family? How long is the incubation period? How long will this last? And are there any treatments on the horizon?

These are a few of the questions Dr. Bob Howard, Former President and CEO of St. Michael's Hospital, asks Dr. Matthew Muller, the Medical Director of Infection, Prevention and Control at St. Michael's Hospital, in our [special COVID-19 podcast](#).

This is the first in a series of podcasts with our health-care experts that St. Michael's Hospital Foundation is producing over the coming weeks to keep you informed of the latest developments and what St. Michael's is doing to address the pandemic.

We also just launched a [COVID-19 communications hub](#), so you can stay up-to-date on the latest insights and information.

[Click here to listen. And stay tuned for future episodes.](#)



IN THE NEWS: ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL GETS READY FOR COVID-19

As you may know, this week, St. Michael's Hospital took a major step in preparing for the impact of the pandemic on our community by opening a [COVID-19 Assessment Centre](#). In an article in [Toronto Life](#), emergency physician and trauma team leader Dr. Joel Lockwood gives an account of how he and his St. Michael's colleagues very quickly got the Assessment Centre up and running.

In other news, critical-care physician Dr. Alberto Goffi and Dr. Andrea Rigamonti, the medical director of St. Michael's trauma-neurosurgical ICU, have been getting advice from colleagues who are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic in Italy. Read about this cross-Atlantic consultation and how the Italian team is helping us get pandemic-ready in [The Globe & Mail](#).

Thank you for standing with St. Michael's Hospital during this difficult time. You are a vital partner in our efforts to take on the toughest health challenges, and we are confident that we will tackle this one, and get through it – stronger, together. That is the St. Michael's way.

Sincerely,



Lili Litwin, President,
St. Michael's Hospital Foundation

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please email [Melanie Anderson](#) and we will do our best to answer them on our [website](#), through our enewsletter, or via podcasts featuring special guests.

You can also follow our social channels ([@stmichaelsfdn](#)), or visit the [Foundation's website](#) or the [hospital's website](#) for updates and the latest information on St. Michael's response to the COVID-19 situation.



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