

SEND A HUG



YOUR COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear [NAME],

I hope you and your family are in good health and in good spirits. This week, I have an exciting new initiative to share with you.

Mother's Day will be different for many of us because of COVID-19. Still, the day isn't any less special. That's why we've launched our [virtual hugs campaign](#), so you can send a hug while giving the newborns in our renowned neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) the best possible start in life. You can donate and send your hugs [here](#). Thanks to a generous donor, every hug will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000. It's fun and easy to do, I encourage you all to send hugs this weekend.

Once again, I'm deeply grateful for your tremendous support during COVID-19. Because of you, we have raised more than \$10.4 million for our [Courage](#) and [Power Funds](#). The money raised is ensuring that our frontline health-care teams have what they need to deliver care, safely and effectively. That no vulnerable member of our community is left behind. And that our scientists are able to conduct the research to end this pandemic.

In fact, your support has helped fund seven COVID-19 research projects. Among them are a global trial to test a potential prevention therapy for health-care workers at high risk of COVID-19, a prototype tent to protect health-care workers, a study to determine how well doctors can virtually assess cognitive impairment in older adults, and a new rapid test for COVID-19.

You have helped St. Michael's Hospital take on one of the toughest health challenges of our time. I am proud and privileged to work with such a relentless community of colleagues, volunteers and donors.

Sincerely,

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Lili Litwin
President, St. Michael's Hospital Foundation

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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Facts from the Frontlines

This podcast series features St. Michael's world-leading experts discussing different aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Giving birth in the time of COVID-19

Guest: Dr. Eliane Shore, Obstetrician-Gynecologist at St. Michael's Hospital

St. Michael's Dr. Eliane Shore explains how St. Michael's OB teams protect pregnant moms from COVID-19 – before, during and after delivery. New moms can follow the Pandemic Pregnancy Guide on Instagram to get advice from St. Mike's pregnancy and labour experts. [VISIT GUIDE](#)

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IN THE NEWS



Study pours cold water on hopes that warm weather will defeat COVID-19

Dr. Peter Juni, an epidemiologist at St. Michael's, says summer's heat won't slow COVID-19 the way it slows influenza because we don't have partial immunity to the new virus.

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COVID-19 is causing blood to thicken

Dr. Michelle Sholzberg, a hematologist at St. Michael's Hospital, is leading a study on the efficacy of commonly used blood thinners to treat patients hospitalized with COVID-19.

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The OR Black Box, one of TIME's top inventions of the year, helps fight COVID-19

Dr. Teodor Grantcharov, a surgeon at St. Michael's Hospital, talks about how his operating room black box helps decrease COVID-19 risk for health-care workers and patients.

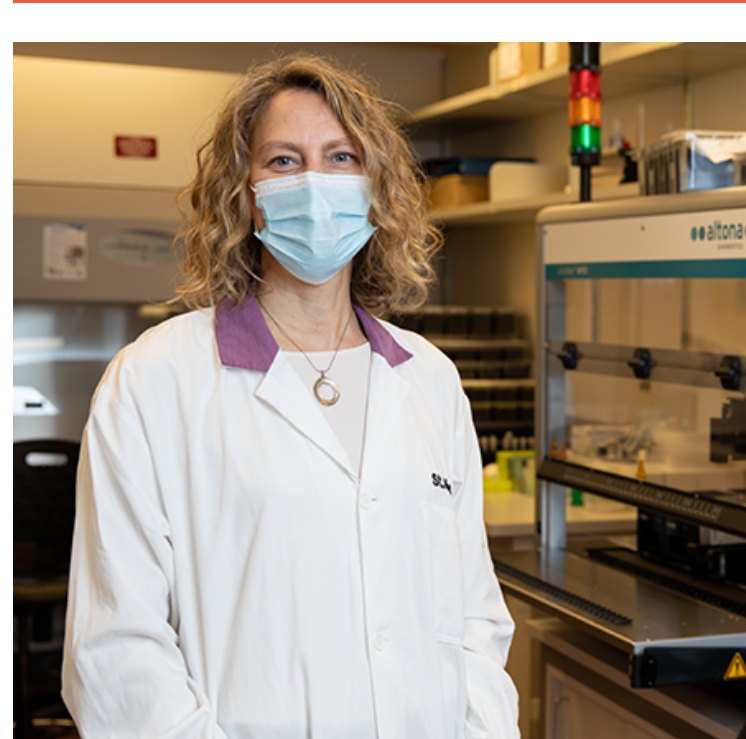
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Family Health Team physicians support neighbourhood partners

When a non-profit that provides housing for people with disabilities needed help to implement COVID-19 testing, St. Michael's physicians volunteered.

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COVID-19 testing: We need more experts, more lab professionals and more labs

Larissa Matukas, head of microbiology and biosafety at St. Michael's, explains the barriers to identifying and containing the virus.

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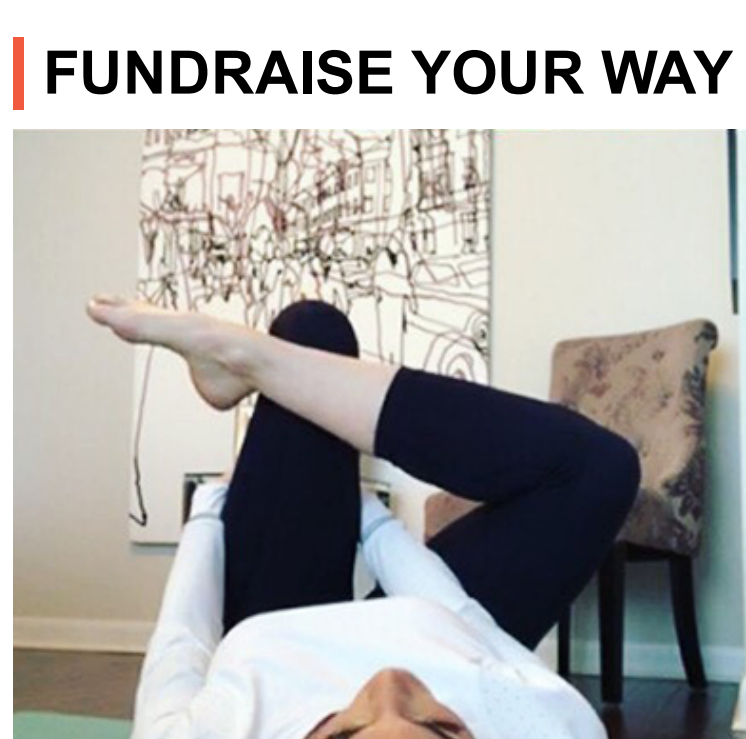


Emergency Department nurse named a CBC frontline hero

Colleagues at St. Michael's call Alaina Cox "a compassionate nurse who always puts the patients first."

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Pilates for Courage

Erin Quinn is a certified Pilates instructor and member of St. Michael's Young Leaders. When COVID-19 hit, she decided to take her in-studio Pilates class online. Now she's donating all proceeds from her classes to The Courage Fund.

Want to show your solidarity with St. Michael's courageous frontline health-care teams? Fundraise your way for St. Michael's Hospital's Courage Fund.

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Virtual COVID-19 charity concert raises \$14,060 for The Courage Fund

The first in a series of five musical concerts in honour of the Elizabeth Krehm Memorial and St. Michael's Hospital Foundation's Courage Fund kicked off this week, raising \$14,060 to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly 950 viewers took in the amazing performance by Juno Award-nominated cellist Winona Zelenka.

Over the past seven years, **Canzona Chamber Players** have raised more than \$174,000 for the St. Michael's Hospital Foundation through annual Elizabeth Krehm Memorial Concerts with some of Canada's most esteemed musicians.

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