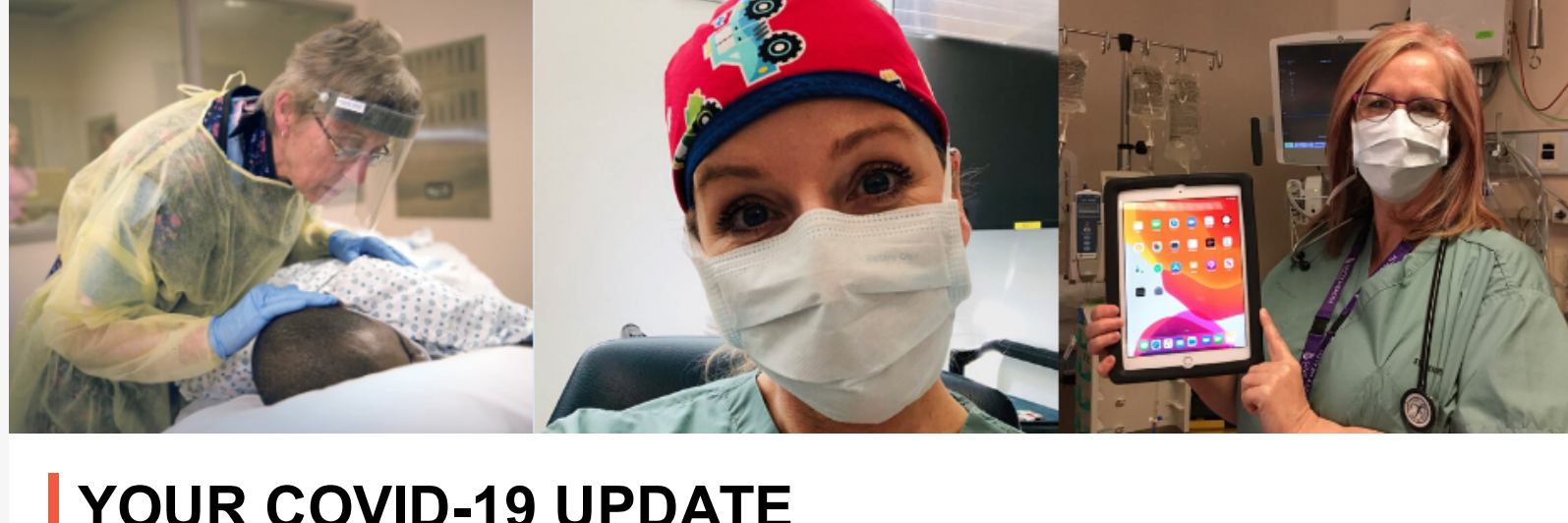


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OUR ST. MICHAEL'S NURSES WHO

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## YOUR COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear [NAME],

As we head into the Victoria Day long weekend, I want to pay special tribute to your unflagging support of St. Michael's Hospital.

Over the last two months, more than 2,300 of you have given a remarkable \$10.65 million to St. Michael's [Courage and Power Funds](#). Your donations are a testament to this community's relentless spirit of compassion.

You've made sure our frontline health-care teams have a safe place to sleep at night, so they don't put their own families in danger. You've made sure that our homeless community has food and clothing. You've made sure our palliative care patients have tablets to connect with loved ones who can no longer be by their sides. And you've made sure our scientists have what they need to find ways to stem the spread of the virus, design new treatments and develop programs that will change how residents in long-term care facilities are treated.

Your support for our Mother's Day campaign has been equally amazing. You sent more than 250 virtual hugs to your moms, loved ones and friends. Each hug you sent meant more funding for St. Michael's cuddling program, where volunteers cuddle fragile newborns when their own families can't. Because the campaign was so successful, we're extending it, so if there is someone you'd like to send a hug to for any reason, just click [here](#).

May 11-17 is National Nursing Week, and what better time is there to shine a spotlight on our courageous nurses, who stop at nothing to provide compassionate care to every single patient? The celebration marks the 200th birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. So please join me in thanking the nurses in our lives for their tireless efforts, day in and day out, to take such good care of us, especially during this extraordinary public health crisis.

On behalf of all of us at the Foundation, I wish you and your family a great, relaxing holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

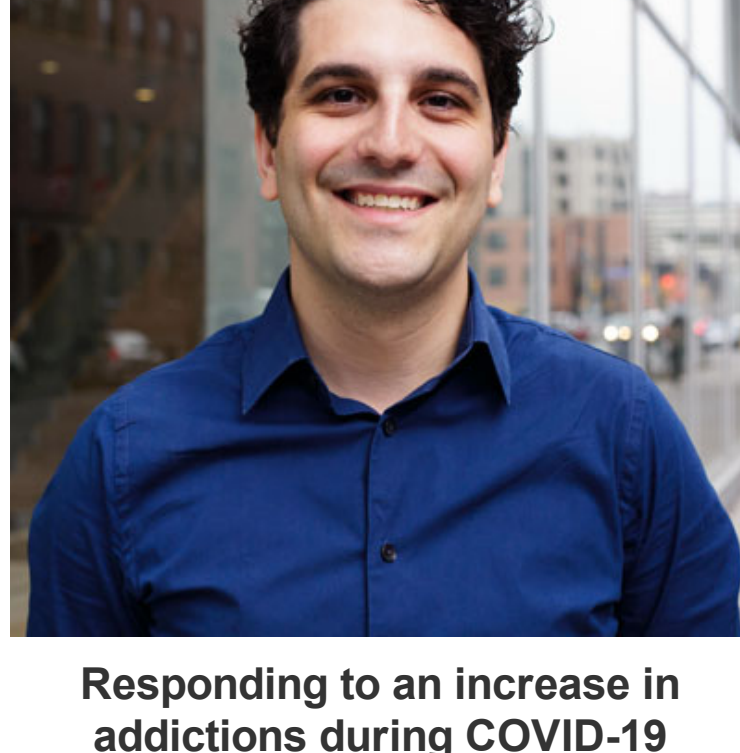
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Lili Litwin  
President, St. Michael's Hospital Foundation

A note: After this week, we will be moving from weekly COVID-19 updates to biweekly. In between, we encourage you to keep up to date on what's happening at St. Michael's by visiting our [COVID-19 information hub](#).

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## IN THE NEWS



### Responding to an increase in addictions during COVID-19

St. Michael's offers special addiction services in the Emergency Department in response to the increase in people seeking help.

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### St. Michael's is leading global research in COVID-19

A clinical trial led by Dr. John Marshall to enable rapid responses to pandemics is part of the global SOLIDARITY effort to test potential COVID-19 treatments.

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### St. Michael's Hospital resource nurse Oscar Cahyono is named a CBC frontline hero

Since the Trauma Neurosurgery ICU became one of the first units at St. Mike's dedicated to COVID-19 patients, Oscar Cahyono has been helping colleagues adopt the new policies and procedures.

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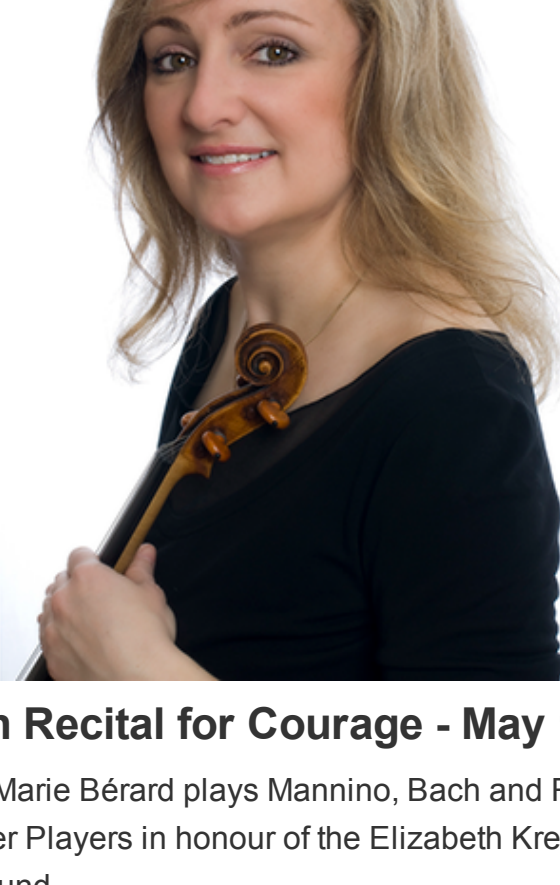


### Public health specialist calls on provinces to collect racial data on COVID-19 patients

"We need to recognize that crises don't affect everybody the same," says St. Michael's Dr. Andrew Pinto. "Without the data, we won't be able to direct resources and effort to where they're most needed."

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## EVENTS



### Live-Stream Solo Violin Recital for Courage - May 17, 7 PM

COC concertmaster and violinist Marie Bérard plays Mannino, Bach and Rubbra. This is part of a series of concerts by the Canzona Chamber Players in honour of the Elizabeth Krehm Memorial and St. Michael's Hospital Foundation's Courage Fund.

[DETAILS >>](#)

## JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL CONVERSATION



DR. JEFFREY ZALTMAN



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### Kidney Transplant and Care during COVID-19 - May 27, 4:30 PM

Join us for a conversation with Dr. Jeffrey Zaltzman, St. Michael's Director of Nephrology, Dave Ayres, the transplant patient who made NHL history, and Cristina Howorun, CityNews journalist and kidney recipient.

[DETAILS >>](#)

## FUNDRAISE YOUR WAY FOR COURAGE



### Jamboree for Courage - May 29, 11 AM

Erin and Sasha have teamed up with musician Drew Badali to hold a charity children's music class on Instagram Live [@musicwithdrew](#). Join us to clap, stomp, sing and jump with your little ones. Your donation will support St. Michael's Courage Fund for the hospital's highest COVID-19 priorities.

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP



### Start a Fundraiser

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.

[CREATE YOUR OWN FUNDRAISER >>](#)

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED



### Masks for the general population? What is the scientific evidence?

Dr. Peter Jüni, St. Michael's epidemiologist and Director of the Applied Health Research Centre, delivers a talk on the effectiveness of masks in preventing COVID-19 transmission, and gives practical tips on how to reduce your chances of infection as cities reopen.

[WATCH VIDEO >>](#)



## FACTS FROM THE FRONTLINES

Moderated By:  
**Dr. Bob Howard,**  
Former President and CEO, St. Michael's Hospital

### Facts from the Frontlines

This podcast series features St. Michael's world-leading experts discussing different aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Missed an episode? You can check them all out on our Soundcloud channel or read the summary [here](#).

[LISTEN TO ALL FACTS FROM THE FRONTLINES EPISODES >>](#)

## STAY UPDATED

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

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