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THE COVID REPORT

Facts from the frontline to keep you and your loved ones informed and safe.

A MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY



Dear [First Name],

As the Omicron variant intensifies across the country, our courageous health teams at St. Michael's Hospital and Providence Healthcare have, once again, been working relentlessly to care for us — while our researchers are bringing the latest scientific insights to inform the government's response to the pandemic. Every hour of the day, every step of the way — they are the heroes in service.

Now we need to care for them.

More than ever, our health teams need our gratitude, compassion and support. Here's what you can do.

You can send a message of thanks to our 8,000 frontline workers and managers by tagging us on social @stmichaelsfdn. You can donate to the <u>Courage Fund</u> to provide our staff with a nourishing meal, a safe place to rest when they can't go home, emergency childcare, mental health support, and other essentials to keep them going. And you can purchase a gift from our <u>Gifts of Care catalogue</u>.

Time and again, our donors have rallied to support St. Michael's and Providence as we tackle the biggest global health challenge of our time. Thanks to each and every one of you, we stop at nothing.

Sincerely,

Lili Litwin, President, St. Michael's Foundation Dr. Tim Rutledge, President & CEO, Unity Health Toronto Pat Meneley, Chair, St. Michael's Foundation

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Omicron's next move.

As we battle the raging and rapidly evolving Omicron wave, Dr. Peter Jüni, a St. Michael's epidemiologist and Scientific Director of the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table, tells us what the data are showing and what's on the horizon for the pandemic.



Parenting in a pandemic.

What do parents need to know when sending their kids back to school? Dr. Sloane Freeman, a St. Michael's pediatrician and Angels Den finalist, weighs in.





The homelessness crisis. What Dr. Stephen Hwang, Director of our MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions, is most concerned about when it comes to keeping people experiencing disadvantage safe.



Keeping our seniors safe. LTC homes have borne the brunt of earlier waves of COVID-19. Dr. Sharon Straus, Physician-in-Chief, on what St. Michael's and Providence are doing to stem the tide and keep seniors safe. **Tracking the next outbreak.** As an infectious disease expert, Dr. Kamran Khan's full-time job is to watch for outbreaks. He talks about the chances of a new COVID-19 variant and how to stack the global odds in our favour.

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HOSPITAL HEADLINES

Virtual emergency services department now available

Unity Health teams up with other Toronto hospitals to launch a virtual ED service available to all Torontonians.

Can't get an N95 for kids? How to prepare for back-to-school

Dr. Anne Wormsbecker speaks with the *Toronto Star* about the best masks to protect kids against COVID-19.

You have symptoms — now what? Your COVID-19 questions answered

Dr. Fahad Razak explains to *CBC News* what classic symptoms tend to be reported with the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

Dr. Jüni on why hospitalizations may follow Omicron plateau

Dr. Peter Jüni tells *CTV News* why COVID-19 hospitalizations should peak soon after cases in Ontario reach a plateau.

OUR CHAMPIONS



When we asked our donors to give to the Courage Fund to support our frontline workers during the newest wave of COVID-19, **Donna and Bob Poile** stepped forward — and not for the first time. In their words: "We have tremendous gratitude and deep respect for the staff and management at St. Michael's Hospital. They have worked tirelessly, around the clock, and made enormous personal sacrifices to keep us all safe. They are true examples of unselfish service. We are humbled by their courage, compassion and commitment."

GIVE THE GIFT OF CARE



MEAL FOR A FRONTLINE WORKER

Provide a nutritious meal on the run so doctors, nurses, therapists or other medical staff have one less thing to worry about.



SEND AN I V MESSAGE TO A FRONTLINE WORKER

Show your appreciation for our frontline workers' courageous efforts as they confront the pandemic.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has upended our world. But thanks to your support, our teams are taking on the toughest health-care challenge of our lifetime. Here's what your compassion over the last two years has meant.

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