

# CKOHT Update

April 2021

## VACCINE ROLLOUT EXPANDS ACROSS CK!

April saw significant expansion of the Vaccine rollout across Chatham-Kent. The Tilbury District Family Health team began administering vaccines on site on with great success! "It is so wonderful to be able to offer the vaccine to our patients right here at our health team. We have now started offering the Astra Zenca COVID-19 vaccine to our patients 40 years of age and older" said Executive Director, Kelly Griffiths.

Mobile vaccination clinics in April were very successful in Wheatley and Highgate providing over **600 residents** to become vaccinated in their own community.

Jessica Smith, Executive Director of St. Andrew's Residence & Chatham-Kent Hospice said "on the day of first vaccinations at St. Andrew's Residence, we celebrated with the theme "Feeling Lucky to be Vaccinated". Our residents shared what they are most looking forward to and here are some of their wishes:"



## **CK BSO SPECIALIZED SOCIAL THERAPIST SUPPORTS PARTNERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO) through the Alzheimer Society of Chatham-Kent has been aiding Long-Term Care Homes (LTCH) and Retirement Homes in Chatham-Kent with various therapies. In a time when isolation for residents in these settings is at an all-time high due to Covid-19 restrictions, Meghan McMaster, the BSO Specialized Social Therapist, has been seeing residents using Covid-19 safe protocols. During these visits, Meghan uses person-centred care to create successful approaches to those who may be experiencing responsive behaviours. These approaches are then passed along to the staff in the home to support their care to the resident. Meghan's ultimate goal is finding approaches that work for the resident, ensure safety for everyone and prevent an admission to hospital.

Meghan said *"I felt fortunate to have this privilege; to hold someone's hand, to hear their life stories, to laugh, to celebrate birthdays, and engage with them was an honour"*. One of the residents said, *"We all need this"* meaning that humans need to talk and be with each other.

Many staff go above and beyond their duties to ensure residents' physical and emotional needs were met, such as: staff spending their break times with residents, cutting off social ties to protect them, and finding creative solutions to the barriers faced. For example, a kitchen server window was being used as a Tim Horton's drive through, with staff in uniforms and a 'road' made of tape leading up to it!"

These stories demonstrate collaboration amongst the LTCH and Retirement Home partners creating a much-improved experience for the residents while reducing pressures on our hospital and EMS.

## CKOHT REFLECTS ON THE SUCCESSES OF THE LAST SIX MONTHS

As the CKOHT prepares for the submission of its year end report, members of the Collaboration Steering Committee have had an opportunity to reflect on the successes of our team over the last six months. Below are some of what they had to say:

### WHAT PATIENT FACING INITIATIVES ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?



Remote Care  
Monitoring  
Program

COVID-19  
Outbreak  
Response

COVID-19  
Vaccine  
Partnerships



86% of participants indicated that they were most proud of our partnership and collaboration around the COVID-19 pandemic. Other themes identified were building trust and collaboration, as well as the support for the Long Term Care sector.

# Our Phase 1 Partners

*Société Alzheimer Society*  
CHATHAM-KENT

CHATHAM-KENT  
*Health Alliance*

CHATHAM-KENT  
FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

westover  
TREATMENT CENTRE

Chatham-Kent  
Hospice

Thamesview  
FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

Chatham-Kent  
Community Health Centres  
Centres de santé communautaire  
de Chatham-Kent

MARCH OF DIMES CANADA  
LA MARCHE DES DIX SOUS DU CANADA

Chatham-Kent  
Cultivating Growth, Shore to Shore

Transform  
SHARED SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Erie St. Clair LHIN

Canadian Mental Health Association  
Lambton Kent  
Association canadienne pour la santé mentale  
Filiale de Lambton Kent

Erie St. Clair Behavioural Supports Ontario

Tilbury District  
FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

St. Andrew's Residence  
Active Living • Professional Care



## #LOVEWINS IN CHATHAM-KENT!

As an OHT, we are proud to support CK Gay Pride Association with #LOVEWINS in Chatham-Kent. CKOHT partners are featured as part of this campaign, to show our support for gay pride and inclusivity in Chatham-Kent. Check out this video by clicking [here](#) (please note this video is only available to view on Facebook at this time).



## HOW TO BOOK YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE IN CHATHAM-KENT

Chatham-Kent residents who are 40+ years old are now eligible to book a COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccination appointment at [www.GetYourShotCK.ca](http://www.GetYourShotCK.ca). If you prefer to use the phone, please call 519-351-1010 and leave a message. Someone will call you back in a few days to book your appointment.

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