

## FAMILY MEDICINE/ URBAN FAMILY HEALTH TEAM, ST JOE'S – AUGUST UPDATES

We certainly hope you've had a chance this summer to do fun outdoor activities or to travel locally while enjoying some delicious food in the company of family and friends. We are slowly approaching the end of the summer and the beginning of a new school year which will require us to continue following directives to keep us all safe.



COVID-19 case rates will fluctuate, particularly as we enter the fall and more people head indoors. Thanks to the protection offered by vaccines, rising case counts will not likely have the same impact as previous waves of the pandemic. This highlights why **it is so important that we all get fully vaccinated against COVID-19** for the health and safety of you and your loved ones. Thank you to each of you who have taken this important step!

**If you are looking to book a COVID-19 vaccine** First and second dose appointments are available at some hospital and Ontario Health Team (OHT) clinics through:

<https://vaccineto.ca/landing> City of Toronto vaccine clinics continue to offer walk-in availability from noon until 7:00pm every day.

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-protect-yourself-others/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-how-to-get-vaccinated/?accordion=hospital-immunization-clinics>

### COVID19 symptoms

Please remember that anyone who [develops symptoms](#) of COVID19 is recommended to be tested, regardless of whether one has been vaccinated or not. Please see [here](#) for a list of COVID testing sites and follow public health guidance. If you are concerned about the severity of your or your family member's symptoms, you may call us to speak with one of our team members. Please note that medical notes should not be required for return to work or school following COVID19 symptoms.

### Increasing in-person appointments availability

Our clinic is continuing to increase our in-person appointments and we are excited to announce as of Monday, September 13, 2021 we will start seeing patients at our 27 Roncesvalles (27R) site, in addition to our 30 Queensway/hospital site (30Q). When you call in, our clerical team will be asking you if you would like an in-person (at either 27R or 30Q) or virtual appointment.

### When you come On-site, please REMEMBER:

- You must pass our Screening Questions in order to complete your in-person appointment.
- Even if you have been fully vaccinated, you must wear a mask at all times, unless you are asked to remove it by your doctor or one of the staff.
- Use the designated seats in our waiting areas and use the dispensers to clean your hands regularly.

- in accordance with guidelines for Essential Care Partners (ECPs):
  - For **infants** (children 0 -12 months) may have two ECPs accompany infant to their in-person clinic appointment. This includes accessing the clinic and being present for the in-person appointment with appropriate PPE.
  - For **Pre-Natal** patients may have one ECP to support patient coming in for diagnostic tests (i.e. ultrasound) or to their consultative in-person appointments.
  - One ECP may accompany a patient with significant mobility and/or cognitive issues; those with significant language barrier, patients who are less than 18yrs old and those with intellectual/developmental disability.

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### ATTENTION PATIENTS AND VISITORS

- ✘ Do you have ANY of the following symptoms?
  - fever or chills
  - new or worsening cough
  - new or worsening shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - runny nose or nasal congestion (without underlying reason)
  - sore throat
  - decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell
  - new or unexplained vomiting, diarrhea or abdominal pain
  - clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia
- ✘ Have you had unprotected close contact with a person who has confirmed COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
- ✘ Do you currently have confirmed COVID-19 (this does not include those who have recovered, are asymptomatic and have been cleared by Public Health)?
- ✘ Are you currently required to quarantine due to travel outside of Canada?

If you have passed these screening questions, you may proceed with your visit or appointment.

If you have NOT passed these screening questions, you may not be able to enter the building today. A member of the screening team will provide further direction.

### City of Toronto construction around St. Joe's - Update

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) began construction near St. Joseph's Health Centre continues till the Fall of 2022 and will impact intersection traffic, pedestrian routes and TTC functions around the hospital. The work will occur in the following locations:

1. The King Street West, Queen Street West, The Queensway and Roncesvalles Ave (KQQR) Intersection to Sep/2021
  2. The Queensway from Parkside Drive to Roncesvalles Ave, including The Queensway Bridge – Jul/21 to Apr/22
- Construction schedules are always subject to change so the dates outlined above are tentative. The City of Toronto's webpage, <http://toronto.ca/kqqr> will have up-to-date information on any traffic, public transit or pedestrian route impacts to support your visit to the hospital. **Please plan ahead to ensure you give yourself enough time to travel to your in-person appointment.**

### We Are Here for You!

Please check out our newly revamped Unity Health Website at: [www.unityhealth.to/urbanfht](http://www.unityhealth.to/urbanfht)

Should you have any questions or concerns about your health, please call us at 416-530-6860 Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 17:00hrs.

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