

Internal Memo

Date: Friday, March 27, 2020

To: Everyone at HHS

From: Deb Bedini, Director, Cardiac and Vascular Program

Subject: **New Multi-Site Screening Centre Service Established**

Multi-site COVID-19 Screening Centres have been established at each hospital to screen, identify and respond to patients, visitors and staff (starting April 1) who present to each site. Starting Monday, March 30th, these Screening Centres will be operating as an independent multi-site service area during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Currently, a team of staff have been redeployed across the organization to help support the Screening Centres located at each hospital site. Staff who have been affected by closures or reduction of services have been prioritized for this temporary reassignment. This will be an ongoing need as we move into the next 12 weeks of emergency pandemic response.

Further, we will soon introduce a new web-based self-screening tool. Staff and physicians will be required to complete an online assessment then report to a Screening Centre if they are healthy for work. Details on how to use the tool and what's required will be released shortly.

The following leadership structure is in place to support the operations of the Screening Centres:

- Deb Bedini – Screening Administrator Lead
 - Josh Diacur – Screening Clinical Lead (all sites)
 - Cheryl Booker – Clinical Leader/Supervisor (General, Regional Rehabilitation Centre, and West-Lincoln sites)
 - Judy Eerkes – Clinical Leader/Supervisor (McMaster Children's Hospital and Juravinski sites)

The leadership team will coordinate staff assignments to ensure adequate staffing levels are maintained and to respond to evolving needs. Dedicated payroll staff have also been

assigned to support this service. These are unprecedented times and therefore changes will be made to the service structure as needed.

Thank you for your continued dedication, flexibility and support as we work together to navigate these challenging times.