



**To:** Hospital Chief Nursing Executives

**From:** Judy Linton, Chief Nursing Executive and Clinical Institutes and Quality Programs Executive

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**Re:** HHR Hospital-to-Hospital Redeployment Update

Thank you for supporting Ontario's hospital-to-hospital redeployment effort with volunteer staff to assist hospitals with high COVID activity. Your support has been vital in helping some of the hardest hit hospitals and preserving system capacity across Ontario.

As you may be aware from recent updates, the health system is starting to look forward and plan for the gradual resumption of non-emergent and non-urgent surgeries and procedures. With that in mind, we are officially closing our request for new volunteers.

Volunteer staff who have been redeployed and placed in hospitals will continue their placements and will return to their home organization as agreed with the receiving organization.

I'd like to extend my sincerest thank you to the volunteers and all those who have worked to make this effort possible. We owe a big thank you to the University Health Network data support team for their support in developing the online volunteer registry. The registry has enabled us to effectively track volunteers and respond quickly to urgent needs. I would also like to thank the Ontario Hospital Association and the hospitals who contributed to the Redeployment Toolkit.

This initiative demonstrates our collective impact and agility to address system priorities. We look forward to continuing to work together with you to improve the health of Ontarians.

Judy Linton