

camh Connexions



Wrapping up the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic:

Since we first opened the CAMH Vaccine Clinic over a year ago, we've administered over 35,000 vaccinations! Over the past few months, our vaccine clinic expanded its offerings to children aged 5-11 through special children's clinic days. Our children's clinic offered specialized services for medical anxiety and needlephobia. We also offered kid-focused activities and supports, including healthcare workers and staff dressed up as superheroes.

The CAMH Vaccine Clinic will be closing its doors and wrapping up operations on April 21, 2022. Until then, we will continue to welcome the community every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday via walk in or appointment.

We are proud to have contributed to the health and safety of our local community through the provision of COVID-19 vaccines at our onsite clinics, and have heard from many of our neighbours who got their families vaccinated at CAMH. Thank you to the amazing staff who continue to work hard to deliver compassionate care amidst COVID-19. We look forward to continuing to work together to keep everyone safe.

We're thrilled at the possibility of inviting our community back to CAMH campus to enjoy upcoming events and tours. At any time, health and safety circumstances could change. Please look for changes or updates to our COVID-protocols and event plans on camh.ca/neighbours.



Community Events

Wishing you a happy Spring! We are very excited to welcome our local community back to outdoor events this season. Our vision is to foster an inclusive and welcoming campus for patients, family, staff and the community. Hosting events that welcome everyone on campus is one of the ways we do that. Like other GTA hospitals, CAMH will continue with COVID health and safety protocols including screening to ensure the safety of our staff and clients.

Doors Open Toronto - On May 28 and 29, CAMH will participate in the City of Toronto's annual Doors Open Toronto for the fifth time. It's a city-wide event where 150 buildings of architectural, historic, cultural, and social significance open their doors to the public. This year's theme is Renewal: Build Back Better.

CAMH will offer guided tours of our newest buildings, The Crisis and Critical Care Building and the McCain Complex Care & Recovery Building, and some highlights

of the outdoor campus. Visitors will experience the integration of the CAMH campus with the local neighbourhood, redesigned green space, extended streets, art installations and pathways, our Sunshine Garden and greenhouse, and multiple access points for the public to engage with CAMH. We hope you will join us!

In-Person and Virtual Tours - We are so pleased to welcome folks back for our in-person tours at the Queen Street campus. We traditionally host over 2,000 people a year, in groups of 10-25 for a 45 minute tour. We are now planning for tours to begin late spring.

We'll continue offering virtual tours of key features in our two newest buildings. This tour includes key art installations in the lobbies of the McCain and Crisis and Critical Care buildings, old and new patient rooms, the emergency department, and the therapeutic neighbourhood.



Workman Arts, a multidisciplinary arts organization that promotes a greater understanding of mental health and addiction through creation and presentation, has announced the **21st Annual Being Scene Exhibition**, in multiple new locations and with a newly expanded program of free accompanying events.

Celebrating artists with lived experiences, the exhibition will be both in-person and online this year. The expanded program of free events accompanying Being Scene provides opportunities for arts lovers to delve deeper into the works on display and meet some of the artists with guided tours and workshops led by participating artists.

For more information, please visit:
workmanarts.com/being-scene-2022

To schedule a tour, please contact tours@camh.ca or look for more info at camh.ca/neighbours.

Toronto Flower Market - The Toronto Flower Market provides an opportunity to celebrate and support Ontario-grown flowers and plants, where growers and florists can connect directly with the CAMH community. The market will be hosted in the TD Commons at Queen St and Shaw St. You can find the market open from 10-3pm on the following days: **May 7, June 11, July 16, August 13, September 10, and October 8.**

Community Use of Space - As part of our ongoing commitment to changing attitudes surrounding mental illness, CAMH's Community Use of Space Initiative looks for creative ways to share our hospital grounds with artists and community groups throughout the year. We have hosted numerous art events including LUMINATO and Nuit Blanche. If you or a group you know of is interested in working with us, they can contact communityevents@camh.ca for more information on how to apply.

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Secure Care and Recovery:

Part of the fourth and final phase of our redevelopment project is to replace CAMH's existing facilities for those patients with complex mental illness who have encountered the legal system. The future building has officially been renamed to Secure Care and Recovery.

This new facility will replace existing capacity and will help us to better support our patients in their recovery, ultimately making our community safer and healthier. Early stages of planning for the new facility are underway,

and construction dates are not yet known, but could start in late 2023 or early 2024.

As this process moves forward, we are committed to consulting and engaging with the community, as we have throughout each phase of our redevelopment. We will be hosting a community meeting in May 2022. We will post further details on camh.ca/neighbours. If you have any questions about the next phase of redevelopment, please send them to redvelopment.feedback@camh.ca.

CAMH ranked Canada's top mental health research hospital with record research funding in 2021



CAMH has once again topped the list as the country's leading mental health research hospital. Over the last decade, CAMH has continued to expand its role in carrying out unique, important, and timely research in the field of mental health and addictions. This research focuses on many topics, including areas such as cannabis, depression, digital research, schizophrenia, and COVID-19.

"This past year CAMH set a record in research funding, despite the pressures CAMH and so many other hospitals have faced throughout the pandemic. Our continued focus on growing research is an acknowledgment of the importance of research in addressing the mental health of Canadians now and into the future."

said **Aristotle Voineskos**,
Vice President of Research.

With the development of a new, proposed research centre, we can continue to be at the forefront of research discoveries and developments that will improve the lives of those living with mental illness.



Community Assets

The RBC Patient & Family Learning Space (PFLS)

- is an interactive hub for patients, families and the community to access reliable information about mental health, substance use and recovery. It is located on the ground floor of the McCain Complex Care & Recovery Building. It is a safe and welcoming space, with a child-friendly area. Through the PFLS you can attend interactive workshops and webinars, and discover a variety of community-based services.

The CAMH Mental Health and Addiction Learning Library

- is now located in our beautiful new home at 1025 Queen Street West. While the library has a strong focus on clinical books for CAMH staff, we do have a print collection of mental health books appropriate for patients and members of the public. To get a free annual library card you need to show something with your name and address on it.

Due to the pandemic, the physical library space is closed. We hope to be open soon and in the meantime are available virtually to answer questions or fill book requests at library@camh.ca.

The CAMH Auditorium - is a showcase destination strategically positioned to animate the historic intersection of Queen St and Ossington Ave and be a welcoming beacon to the CAMH campus. The state-of-the-art auditorium is designed to be a central hub and vibrant space to host various activities, conferences, theatre, film and special events—both internal and external to CAMH.

Unfortunately, COVID restrictions impacted the opening, and we are only now preparing to open this remarkable space in Summer 2022.

The auditorium anchors the McCain Complex Care and Recovery building and is unlike anything else in the city of Toronto due to the combination of size, adaptability of space, and range of infrastructure. The auditorium is large and can seat up to 300 people. The seating is retractable which enables the space to be configured in multiple ways to adapt to a variety of different activities and needs. We are not yet accepting bookings, however inquiries can be sent to auditorium@camh.ca.



Meet the First Impressions Team

First Impressions fosters a welcoming culture at CAMH and models customer service best practices in engaging with the CAMH community. The team is an easily identifiable, “go-to” source of information and customer service. As front-line communicators, the team provides

information and support, including information about CAMH, access to services, wayfinding, and increasing safety. Info line is available via Email info@camh.ca or by phone at **416 535-8501 x1**.

The First Impressions team plays a crucial role in CAMH's community engagement initiatives. First Impressions:

- Manages the Community Use of CAMH Space program for external groups to host events on the CAMH campus.
- Hosts tours of CAMH.
- Organizes and hosts external and internal events for the community, staff and patients.
- Is a key point of contact for neighborhood businesses and residents.

You'll see them at CAMH dressed in purple attire as they traverse the campus on tours, and at events hosted throughout the year. They're also found at the Information Desks in lobbies of Bell Gateway Building, Crisis and Critical Care Building and McCain Building.



Thank you!

This phase of the CAMH Redevelopment Project is almost complete.

Thank you for your patience and support.

We look forward to welcoming you into our new buildings and celebrating the transformation of mental health care with you!

Continue the conversation online

camh.ca/neighbours

redvelopment.feedback@camh.ca

Please join our local community email list by emailing communityevents@camh.ca.



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