



One Death and Five Positive Tests for COVID-19 at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre reported the death of a resident and five positive tests for COVID-19 among residents and staff members earlier today.

The community resident who passed away, lived on the Gatineau 2 South unit before transferring to 20-bed isolation unit after testing positive for COVID-19. In the last 24 hours, three residents have tested positive for the virus, bringing the total number of residents to 20. Five residents testing positive for the virus have passed away. Not all deaths have been attributed to COVID-19. There are 15 residents with COVID-19 residing in the Ottawa building's isolation unit.

Supplemented by Ottawa Public Health testing of residents, the Perley Rideau's precautionary COVID-19 testing campaign has allowed for testing of all residents and follow up testing, as required. More than 680 COVID-19 tests have been completed on residents since the start of the pandemic.

Two Perley Rideau staff members have tested positive for the virus, bringing the number of staff with COVID-19 to a total of 26. All staff members remain on self-isolation and we look forward to their return to work after completing isolation and receiving two negative test results for COVID-19. A total of 849 tests have been conducted on staff through the Perley Rideau's precautionary testing campaign and Ottawa Public Health testing.

“On behalf of the Perley Rideau community, please accept my deepest condolences to the family, friends and caregivers of the resident who passed away,” says CEO Akos Hoffer.

The Incident Command Team gathers daily to address this pandemic and new challenges as they arise.

Questions may be directed to Jay Innes, Director of Communications, via Telephone: (613) 526-7170, ext.2207 or Email: info@prvhc.com.

The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre is one of the largest and most progressive long-term care homes in Ontario. In addition to the 450 long-term and short-stay care beds for Veterans and members of the public, the Perley Rideau campus includes a Seniors Village with independent-living apartments for 200 seniors. It employs a staff of more than 850.

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