



One Resident Death and One New Staff Case of COVID-19 at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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In the past 24 hours, a community resident who tested positive for COVID-19 has passed away and a staff member has tested positive for the virus.

Since the start of the pandemic, 20 residents have tested positive for the virus and six residents have passed away. Not all of the deaths have been attributed to COVID-19. There are 14 residents being cared for on the isolation unit in the Ottawa building.

A PSW has tested positive for COVID-19, bringing to 30 the total number of staff to contract the virus.

All 30 staff members are home self-isolating. We wish them all speedy and full recoveries, returning to work after completing 14 days of isolation and receiving two negative tests for COVID-19.

Staff from all units where a staff member or resident has tested positive for COVID-19 were asked to be re-tested at the Assessment Centre earlier this week. Their results are expected in the coming days.

As part of an aggressive testing regime at the Perley Rideau and through the COVID-19 Assessment Centre, there have been more than 1670 resident and staff tests since the start of the pandemic.

“On behalf of the Perley Rideau community, we express our heartfelt sympathies to the resident’s family, friends and caregivers,” says CEO Akos Hoffer. “We look forward to receiving the results of the most recent staff testing so that we can continue our efforts to stop community spread of this virus.”

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

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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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