



## 4,000 COVID-19 Tests Completed at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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The Perley Rideau community is COVID-19 free after recently surpassing 4,000 COVID-19 tests among residents and staff since the start of the pandemic.

The latest mass testing of staff follows direction from the Ontario government. To date there have been 2918 tests on staff and 1242 tests on residents.

In the days since a limited 40-day outbreak was declared over on July 15, 2020, indoor visits are permitted in addition to outdoor and virtual visits with residents.

With the end of the outbreak, the Perley Rideau has welcomed 18 new admissions.

As of August 6th, a new online booking system is available to book indoor visitors with residents as early as August 10th.

This online booking system replicates the booking system already in use for outdoor visits.

### Indoor Visit Highlights

- All indoor visitors must attest to a negative COVID-19 test result within two weeks of the date of the current visit;
- The date of that negative test must be shared with Perley Rideau staff;
- There is no limit on the number of visits a resident can receive each week;
- It is permitted to visit more than one family member during the visit;
- View all the details on indoor, outdoor and virtual visits by checking out the "Resumption of Visits" webpage: [CLICK HERE](#)

During this pandemic, twenty-four residents tested positive for the virus, 12 recovered and 12 passed away. Not all deaths could not be directly attributed to COVID-19. Our condolences go out to the resident's family, friends and caregivers. All forty-two staff members who tested positive for COVID-19 during this pandemic recovered.

The Command Centre team continues to meet to confront new challenges, to plan and prepare and act in support of the various stages of re-opening.

"I applaud the entire Perley Rideau community for their focus and tireless efforts to keep our residents safe while working to maintain the quality of life for our residents," says Akos Hoffer, CEO. "It is as a result of continued surveillance, proper hand hygiene practices and physical distancing that we are free of this disease."

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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 care beds for Veterans and members of the public, the Perley Rideau campus includes a Seniors Village with 139 independent-living apartments. It employs a staff of more than 850.