



## One Staff Member Recovers from COVID-19 at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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### COVID-19 Update

- One staff member has recovered after testing positive for COVID-19. Current active COVID-19 cases for staff now total four. During this pandemic there have been 2379 staff members tested for the virus. As directed by the Ministry, the second round of staff swab testing continues this week.
- One Veteran resident continues to receive enhanced care on the isolation unit. During this pandemic there have been 1150 tests for COVID-19 on residents.
- The facility-wide outbreak continues for the Perley Rideau. If there are no new cases of COVID-19 among residents or staff, the earliest date the outbreak would be declared over is midnight, Monday, June 29th. The earliest date that family visits could begin is Tuesday, June 30th.
- A dedicated team is working on the details to welcome family outdoor visits when the declared outbreak is over. Details will follow in messages to families and public communications.

### Clinics Open

The Perley Rideau Physio & Massage Therapy Clinic is now open to clients and later this week The Interprofessional Clinic at Perley Rideau will open.

- These clinics never closed during non-COVID-19 outbreaks.
- During the pandemic, the services closed in accordance with the province-wide directives related to “essential services” but remained available to residents for emergency care.
- Even as the province moves to permit the opening of community-based services, vigilance is critical in ensuring the health and safety of Perley Rideau’s residents and staff.
- The Perley Rideau has conducted an exhaustive risk assessment of our clinical and therapeutic services, including audiology, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, dermatology, neurology, and physio and massage therapies.
- To accommodate these clients and minimize risk, we have established a dedicated access plan for clients to the clinics.
- While inside the Health Centre, client movement will be supported by staff at all times.
- We are now confident that the control measures we are undertaking – pre-screening, controlled access, physical distancing, limiting patient and staff movement, masking and stepped-up facility cleaning – provide the level of protection required to prevent the spread of infection.
- This gradual, measured service restart, we understand, is in line with direction from the province for patients receiving required healthcare services and supporting members of our community who have not been able to receive this important care during the pandemic.
- Your ongoing respect for infection control measures is appreciated.

The Command Centre Team gathers to confront this virus, to protect residents and work to ensure that resident quality of life is maintained.

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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.