



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

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The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre today received confirmation that a Veteran resident from the Ottawa building has tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is asymptomatic and has been moved to the 20-bed isolation unit in the Ottawa building.

Since the June 3rd outbreak was announced for the Ottawa building, a total of three residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and one has passed away. The death cannot be attributed to COVID-19 at this time. The two Veteran residents are receiving enhanced care in the Ottawa building's COVID-19 unit.

Since the Ottawa-building outbreak was declared, four staff members have tested positive for the virus. All are self-isolating at home. We wish each of them a full recovery and return to the Perley Rideau after completing all required safety protocols.

The Command Centre team is working to address the June 12th announcement by the Ministry of Long-Term Care guiding outdoor visits with residents. The team is focused on creating the appropriate environment for the visits and that means protecting residents and family members from the elements while maintaining all safety protocols. We are establishing the various supports to accept and manage bookings, conduct visitor screening and ensure the visitation areas always meet our standards for infection prevention and control.

We promise to keep our community updated as we work to implement this phase of visitation while adhering to guidance from the Ministry of Health and Ottawa Public Health.

On May 25th, the facility-wide outbreak at the Perley Rideau was declared over. During the 40-day outbreak, 55 individuals – residents and staff – tested positive for COVID-19. Of the 21 residents to contract the virus, 10 recovered and 11 community residents passed away. Not all of the deaths could be attributed to COVID-19. During the outbreak, 34 staff members tested positive for the virus, all recovered and returned to the Perley Rideau community.

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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.