



## One Resident with COVID-19 Dies at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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We regret to inform you of the passing of a community resident who tested positive for COVID-19. The death cannot be attributed to COVID-19, at this time. Our deepest condolences go out to the resident's family, friends and caregivers. The resident tested positive for COVID-19 on June 3rd and was moved to the 20-bed isolation unit in the Ottawa building. One Veteran resident with COVID-19 is receiving enhanced care on the isolation unit. The Ottawa building remains on outbreak, as guided by Ottawa Public Health.

Three PSWs have tested positive for COVID-19. These individuals are self-isolating at home and we wish each of them a speedy and full recovery.

Active surveillance of residents and staff continues at the Perley Rideau throughout the weekend. We thank the team of Swab Bosses for their ongoing efforts to keep our community safe. As part of the Perley Rideau's outbreak management and surveillance programs, more than 1950 tests for COVID-19 have been conducted on residents and staff during this pandemic.

Since the Ottawa-building outbreak was declared on June 3rd, two residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and three PSWs have contracted the virus. One resident has passed away.

The Command Centre Team convenes frequently to address this pandemic and confront new challenges as they arise. We commit to open and transparent communications with our community during this pandemic -- and beyond.

"On behalf of the entire Perley Rideau community, I want to express our deepest sympathies to this resident's family, friends and caregivers," says Akos Hoffer, CEO. "I am confident that our team can stop the spread 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.*