



12 Individuals Recover from COVID-19 at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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Six long-term care residents and six staff members have recovered from COVID-19 at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre. During this pandemic, 55 individuals – residents and staff – tested positive for COVID-19. As of today, nine residents and all 34 staff members have recovered. One resident with COVID-19 continues to receive enhanced care and support in the Ottawa building's 20-bed isolation unit.

We regret to inform our community that this past weekend one resident with COVID-19 died. Our condolences go out to the resident's family, friends and caregivers.

During this pandemic, 21 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and 11 have passed away. Not all the deaths can be attributed to the virus. All nine residents who have recovered are now back on their home units.

Six more Perley Rideau staff members have recovered from COVID-19, completing recovery for all 34 team members who tested positive for COVID-19. To support staff in preparing for return to work, the Perley Rideau closely adheres to the Ministry of Health's May 2nd *COVID-19 Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance*: <https://bit.ly/2Lt3Wrn>.

As part of an aggressive outbreak management program, a mass testing campaign of more than 1890 tests on residents and staff was launched to detect the virus, including individuals with the virus who were not exhibiting symptoms.

The Command Centre Team regularly meets to respond to this pandemic, to adapt plans and confront future challenges.

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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.

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