



One Staff Member 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 member of the Support Services team working in the Gatineau building has tested positive for COVID-19.
- The staff member is asymptomatic and is self-isolating at home. The staff member was tested as part of the government-mandated regular two-week testing of staff that is administered by Perley Rideau staff on-site.
- There are a total of four positive cases of COVID-19 in the Perley Rideau community, including three staff members and one resident from the Gatineau building.
- All staff members are self-isolating in their homes.
- The resident is being cared for in the 20-bed isolation unit in the Ottawa building.
- As a result of today's new positive staff case, the Gatineau building outbreak will be extended.
- In the coming days, watch for more details on the projected end of the outbreak. In consultation with Ottawa Public Health, the Ottawa and Rideau buildings are not on outbreak.
- The Command Centre team is closely monitoring this development and will provide frequent updates to our community and the public.
- Watch for updates on the Perley Rideau's COVID-19 Updates webpage: <http://www.perleyrideau.ca/public-announcement>.
- To access important information for residents, families, caregivers, private service providers and volunteers, please visit the Resumption of Visits webpage: <http://www.perleyrideau.ca/visiting-during-a-pandemic>

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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.