



One Staff Member Tests Positive for COVID-19 at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre September 2, 2020 – Ottawa, Ontario

The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre today received confirmation that a frontline staff member working in the Gatineau building has tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member last worked on August 31.

The individual is self-isolating at home. We wish the individual a rapid and full recovery.

There are no positive cases of COVID-19 among Perley Rideau residents.

The outbreak is isolated to the Gatineau building. All indoor and outdoor visits with residents from the Gatineau building are cancelled until further notice.

Essential visitors – those who have a resident who is very ill and dying -- will be permitted to visit the Gatineau building. Staff will support these essential visitors and make all necessary arrangements to support a safe visit including the wearing of the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Essential visitors should contact the Manager of Resident Care for the Gatineau building to arrange a visit.

In consultation with Ottawa Public Health, the Ottawa and Rideau buildings are not on outbreak and indoor and outdoor visits can continue.

The last positive case of COVID-19 at the Perley Rideau was declared over on July 15. During the pandemic, staff and residents have been tested more than 4,840 times and there have been 67 active cases among staff and residents.

The Command Centre team is closely monitoring this development and the team commits to provide frequent updates to our community.

"I am confident that we can keep the virus from spreading while maximizing the quality of life of our residents," says Akos Hoffer CEO.

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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.