



Three Positive COVID-19 Cases at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre announced today that one Veteran resident and one staff member from the Ottawa building tested positive for COVID-19. This brings to three the total number of individuals to test positive for the virus this week.

On June 3rd, a community resident from the Ottawa building was diagnosed with COVID-19 and transferred to the 20-bed isolation unit, where rigorous care and safety measures are in place. At that time, an outbreak was declared for the Ottawa building.

In the last 24 hours, a PSW from the Ottawa building tested positive for the virus. The individual is self-isolating at home. We wish the staff member a full and rapid recovery.

On June 1st, the Ministry of Long-Term Care released a memo stating that the province is requiring continued surveillance of long-term care home staff effective immediately. This means that all long-term care employees will be swabbed at two-week intervals. This policy is well-aligned with the Perley Rideau approach. As part of our outbreak management and surveillance programs, more than 1945 tests have been conducted on residents and staff during this pandemic. The Perley Rideau team of "Swab Bosses" are undertaking on-site testing.

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 were welcomed back to the Perley Rideau community.

The Command Centre Team meets regularly to address this pandemic and confront new challenges as they arise.

"We continue to support residents during these challenging times and we commit to provide open and transparent communications with our community," says Akos Hoffer, CEO. "We will not waiver from our goal of keeping this virus from spreading while maximizing residents' quality of life."

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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.