



Three Residents Recover from COVID-19 at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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Perley Rideau staff today lined the hallway – while maintaining safe physical distancing -- to cheer on the first three long-term care residents to recover from COVID-19. The residents bid farewell as they transitioned from the Ottawa building's isolation unit back to their home rooms in the Gatineau building.

During this pandemic, 20 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and seven have passed away. Not all the deaths can be attributed to the virus. Now that three residents have recovered and moved back to their rooms, there are 10 residents receiving enhanced care in the Ottawa building's isolation unit.

Today, three more staff members completed isolation and returned to work. Of the 34 staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19, eight have completed the required protocols and returned to work. Twenty-six staff members continue to self-isolate at home. Perley Rideau staff continue to support them and monitor their conditions on the road to recovery. We look forward to welcoming their return.

As part of an aggressive outbreak management program, a mass testing campaign of 1780 tests on residents and staff was launched to detect the virus and identify those who have the virus including those who are asymptomatic.

The Command Centre Team meets daily to respond to this pandemic, to adapt plans and confront new challenges as they arise.

"I am elated for these residents, their families and caregivers," says CEO Akos Hoffer. "This is a credit to all the outstanding work of our staff to help wrangle this virus."

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