



Six Residents Test Positive for COVID-19 at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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Six residents living on the Gatineau 2 South unit have tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 24 hours. Although all six residents are asymptomatic, their positive tests emerged from the Perley Rideau's ongoing precautionary swabbing campaign of all residents. The residents have been moved to the 20-bed isolation unit in the Ottawa building. To date, there have been 607 swab tests on residents, 554 from the precautionary campaign and 53 through Ottawa Public Health.

This brings to 17 the total number of residents testing positive for the virus. Of the 17 residents, four have passed away. Not all four deaths are attributed to COVID-19.

In the last 24 hours, there have been no new positive test results of staff. The total number of staff testing positive for COVID-19 stands at 24. All staff members remain self-isolating for 14 days at home and we wish them a full recovery and return to work after two negative tests have been obtained.

To date, there have been 972 tests on staff, 756 from the Perley Rideau's precautionary swab testing campaign and 216 from Ottawa Public Health. In all, the Perley Rideau residents and staff have been tested 1728 times during this pandemic.

This aggressive testing campaign provides vital information to the Command Centre to develop plans. Enhanced cleaning continues on all units and staff working on Gatineau 2 South and the 20-bed isolation unit are dedicated to those units, part of an effort to limit movement throughout the building and between units.

"The information we are gathering from this testing allows us to learn, study and pivot in this battle to stop community spread of the virus," says Akos Hoffer, CEO. "I cannot thank our community enough for all the flexibility and dedication during this extraordinary time."

The Incident Command Team gathers daily to address this pandemic and new challenges as they arise.

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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 and short-stay care beds for Veterans and members of the public, the Perley Rideau campus includes a Seniors Village with independent-living apartments for 200 seniors. It employs a staff of more than 850.

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