



## Vaccination of Perley Rideau Residents Begins

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A campaign to vaccinate residents of The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre against COVID-19 starts today. They are the first residents of a long-term care home in the Champlain region to receive the vaccine.

Conducted in partnership with Ottawa Public Health, the Champlain Local Health Integration Network and the City of Ottawa, the campaign will administer the two-dose Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to consenting residents who meet screening criteria. Perley Rideau staff will administer the vaccine on-site.

Approximately two weeks ago, members of Perley Rideau were among the first in Ontario to be vaccinated. Some will receive their second dose of the vaccine today; others will receive their second dose in the coming days. Ottawa Public Health has also offered the vaccine to essential caregivers at Perley Rideau; in all, more than 810 staff and essential caregivers have registered for the vaccine.

"This is wonderful news and represents a key milestone in the pandemic," says Dr. Benoît Robert, Perley Rideau's Chief Medical Officer. "We still have a long way to go, but vaccination is our best hope for putting an end to COVID-19."

Although vaccination is underway, all safety protocols, such as the wearing of masks and personal protective equipment (PPE), and visitation restrictions remain in place. In addition, all staff will continue to be tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis. Currently, there are no active cases of COVID-19 among Perley Rideau staff and residents.

### Quotes

*"We are delighted to begin vaccinating our residents and continue to make every effort to protect their health and well-being. And we are proud that so many members of our staff and team of essential caregivers have registered for the vaccine. By supporting one another, we will get through the pandemic."*

**Akos Hoffer,**

Chief Executive Officer, Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

### Quick facts

- The Perley Rideau Veterans' Health Centre is home to approximately 450 elderly people, including approximately 200 Veterans.
- Recognized as a leader in long-term care, Perley Rideau hosts the Centre of Excellence in Frailty-Informed Care, along with the Seniors' Village: 139 independent apartments for elderly tenants. Perley Rideau partners with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario to develop and evaluate best practices in care, and with Algonquin College to train personal support workers.

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