



Residents Free of COVID-19 at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre **Positive Test Reversed For Resident**

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Recently a resident living on Ottawa 2 West tested positive for COVID-19. Since the Perley Rideau's Infection Prevention and Control team could not identify the source of transmission in this case, the resident's original sample was retested and a second test was taken.

Today, Ottawa Public Health determined that the resident is not positive for COVID-19. As a result, the resident has been cleared to move out of the 20-bed isolation unit and back home to the Ottawa building. Effective immediately, the outbreak has been declared over for the Ottawa building and visits can resume for residents on July 9th.

All residents are free of COVID-19 and the Ottawa and Gatineau buildings are outbreak free. The Perley Rideau team is contacting families to arrange visits and offer window visits or Skype/Facetime virtual visits, if the temperatures force the cancellation of outdoor visits.

One staff member from the Rideau building remains in self-isolation after exhibiting symptoms and testing positive for COVID-19. We wish the individual a rapid and full recovery before returning to work. The Rideau building remains on outbreak until midnight July 15th, at the earliest.

As part of an aggressive outbreak management and surveillance campaign, Perley Rideau staff and residents have made themselves available for more than 3,800 COVID-19 tests.

The Command Centre team meets regularly to address the issues arising from this pandemic and our team commits to provide frequent updates to our community.

Useful Information

- COVID-19 Updates: <http://bit.ly/2bxORAO>
- Resumption of Visits: <https://bit.ly/2Z5Z41u>
- Preparing for Hot Weather During a Pandemic: <https://bit.ly/38h2G4V>
- News Archive: <https://bit.ly/2WTmrKL>

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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.