



## Last Resident Completes COVID-19 Safety Protocols at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Resident Visits for the Ottawa and Gatineau Buildings Start June 30th

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On a day when the last Veteran resident living on the 20-bed isolation unit was cleared of COVID-19 and another staff member recovered from disease, the Perley Rideau team ramped up planning for Ottawa and Gatineau residents to welcome visitors starting as early as Tuesday, June 30th.

Since a facility-wide outbreak was declared on June 3rd, three residents and seven staff tested positive for the virus. One resident passed away and two residents completed the necessary protocols. The one resident death cannot be attributed to COVID-19 at this time. We express our deepest condolences to the resident's family, friends and caregivers.

Four staff members recovered from the virus and three remain at home self-isolating. We wish each of them a rapid and full recovery and we look forward to welcoming them back after completing all required safety protocols.

During this pandemic, staff and residents have been tested for COVID-19 more than 3,700 times, all part of an aggressive outbreak management and surveillance program.

Earlier this week, Ottawa Public Health endorsed the Perley Rideau interpretation that as a result of enhanced safety measures, restricted staff movement during shift and the physical separation between the Ottawa, Rideau and Gatineau buildings that the Perley Rideau should be considered three distinct resident buildings. This means that a positive case of COVID-19 of a resident or staff member should not automatically result in the declaration of a facility-wide outbreak. After careful examination of all the factors surrounding the current COVID-19 cases, there are different projected end dates for the outbreaks in each building:

- **Ottawa Building:** Outbreak declared over on June 26th
- **Gatineau Building:** Outbreak projected to end on June 29th
- **Rideau Building:** Outbreak projected to end on July 7th

Please note that the dates are accurate as of 1 pm, June 26th. If there are new cases of COVID-19, the end dates will have to be adjusted in accordance with direction from the Ottawa Public Health.

The Perley Rideau team is preparing to accommodate 30-minute outdoor visits for each resident living in buildings that are outbreak free. Starting Monday, June 29th, staff will begin contacting the individual serving as the Power of Attorney (POA) for each resident from the Ottawa and Gatineau buildings to offer a day and time to visit.

For complete information including tips to prepare for a visit, necessary precautions and FAQs, a dedicated webpage has been created for visitors to the Perley Rideau website and is prominently displayed on the COVID-19 Update webpage of the website: <http://bit.ly/2KFfaKM>.

"I credit the hard work and dedication of our team for achieving this terrific milestone," says Akos Hoffer, CEO. "We look forward to welcoming visitors next week to further enhance the quality of life for our residents."

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