



## One Resident Tests Positive for COVID-19 at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that a resident living on Ottawa 2 East has tested positive for COVID-19.

This individual exhibited symptoms and was placed on contact and droplet precautions and was tested for the virus on June 1.

Today, the individual's positive test result arrived and the individual was immediately transferred to the isolation unit in the Ottawa building.

With guidance from Ottawa Public Health, the outbreak is limited to only the Ottawa Residence.

On June 1 the Ministry of Long-Term Care released a memo stating that the province is requiring continued surveillance of long-term care home staff effective immediately. This means that all long-term care employees will be swabbed at two-week intervals. This policy is well-aligned with the Perley Rideau approach. As part of an aggressive outbreak management program, more than 1900 tests were conducted on residents and staff during this pandemic.

On May 25th, the COVID-19 outbreak at the Perley Rideau was declared over. During the 40-day outbreak, 55 individuals – residents and staff – tested positive for COVID-19. Of the 21 residents to contract the virus, 10 recovered and 11 passed away. At that time, 34 staff members tested positive for the virus, all recovered and were welcomed back to the Perley Rideau community.

“This is not the news any of us wanted to hear,” says Akos Hoffer, CEO. “Although we could not predict this positive test result, we can continue to prepare and take every precaution as we work together to stop the spread of this virus.”

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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.