



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

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The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre today received confirmation that a member of the Support Services team has tested positive for COVID-19.

The individual is asymptomatic and self-isolating at home. Since the Ottawa-building outbreak was declared on June 3rd, four staff members have tested positive for the virus. All are self-isolating at home. We wish each of them a full recovery and return to the Perley Rideau after completing all required safety protocols.

Since the June 3rd outbreak was announced for the Ottawa building, two residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and one has passed away. The death cannot be attributed to COVID-19 at this time. One Veteran resident is receiving enhanced care in the Ottawa building's COVID-19 unit.

As part of an aggressive outbreak management and surveillance testing campaign, all resident tests so far have returned negative results for the following units: Ottawa 1 West; Rideau 1 South; Rideau 2 South; Gatineau 1 North.

On June 1st, the Ministry of Long-Term Care released a memo requiring continued surveillance of long-term care home staff. All long-term care employees are being swabbed for the virus at two-week intervals. This policy is well-aligned with the Perley Rideau approach of outbreak management and surveillance. Round One is now complete with more 1085 tests on residents and staff. Round Two is scheduled to start on June 17th.

The Ministry of Health today announced the gradual resumption of family visits in long-term care starting June 18th. The link to the media release is here: <https://bit.ly/37oGGoE>.

The Command Centre team will convene Friday morning to address this news and our team commits to provide frequent updates to our community.

“To all who have been affected by this virus, please know we continue to monitor this virus, to plan and act to protect our community,” says Akos Hoffer, CEO. “Through teamwork and commitment, I am confident that we can keep the virus from spreading while maximizing the quality of life for our residents.”

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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.*