



One Resident Death at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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We are deeply saddened to report that a community resident in the COVID-19 isolation unit has passed away. During this pandemic, 20 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and nine have passed away. Not all the deaths can be attributed to the virus. There are currently eight residents receiving enhanced care in the Ottawa building's isolation unit.

Two more Perley Rideau staff members completed their isolation today, bringing to 20 the total number of staff who have recovered from COVID-19. In total, 34 staff members tested positive for COVID-19 and 14 individuals remain self-isolating at home. We wish each of them a full recovery and we look forward to welcoming them back to the Perley Rideau community.

As part of an aggressive outbreak management program, a mass testing campaign was launched to detect the virus and identify those who have the virus but are not exhibiting any symptoms. To date, there have been more than 1780 tests for COVID-19 on residents and staff.

The Command Centre Team meets daily to respond to this pandemic, to adapt plans and confront new challenges as they arise.

“To the family, friends and caregivers of the resident who passed away, please accept our deepest condolences,” says Perley Rideau CEO Akos Hoffer. “Our team is united against this virus and making every effort to support resident quality of life.”

Others questions may be directed to Jay Innes, Director of Communications, via Telephone: (613) 526-7170, ext.2207 or Email: info@prvhc.com.

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 and short-stay care beds for Veterans and members of the public, the Perley Rideau campus includes a Seniors Village with independent-living apartments for 200 seniors. It employs a staff of more than 850.

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