



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

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(as of 9 am)

The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre today reported the death of a community resident on the isolation unit. During this pandemic, 20 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and seven have passed away. Not all the deaths can be attributed to the virus. There are currently 13 residents receiving enhanced care in the Ottawa building's isolation unit.

In the last 48 hours, there have not been any new positive test results for COVID-19 among residents or staff.

Two more Perley Rideau staff members completed their isolation and returned to work today. Of the 34 staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19, four have completed the required protocols and returned to work. Thirty staff members continue to self-isolate 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 families and friends of the residents who have passed away, please accept our deepest condolences,” says Perley Rideau CEO Akos Hoffer. “Know that our team is united against this virus and we are making every effort to support resident quality of life.”

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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 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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