



COVID-19 Outbreak Over at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre September 23, 2020 – Ottawa, Ontario

The COVID-19 outbreak in the Gatineau building is over, as declared by Ottawa Public Health earlier today. The Gatineau building is now open to welcome visitors and activities can resume.

Two staff members who tested positive for the virus have now completed their 14 days of self-isolation and all required safety protocols, marking the end of the outbreak that was restricted to the Gatineau building.

During the outbreak that was announced on September 2nd, one resident and three staff members tested positive for the virus. The resident recovered and transferred from the Ottawa building isolation unit back to the Gatineau building.

Continuing an aggressive campaign of outbreak management and surveillance that started in the early days of the pandemic, staff and residents have made themselves available for more than 5608 COVID-19 tests. Another round of government-mandated tests on staff continues this week.

Since the start of the pandemic, 70 residents and staff members tested positive for COVID-19 and 58 recovered from the virus.

“As we mark the end of this outbreak, I would like to thank everyone for the many sacrifices made to protect the safety and well-being of our residents,” says Akos Hoffer, CEO. “Although we are outbreak free today, I encourage everyone in the Perley Rideau community to keep their guard up, to follow all recommended safety protocols and to make every possible effort to stop community spread of this disease.”

Together, we improve the well-being of the people we serve.

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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.