



One Resident 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 resident living in Gatineau 2 North (G2N) has tested positive for COVID-19.

The resident is asymptomatic and has been moved to the isolation unit in the Ottawa building.

This news follows the September 2 announcement that a frontline staff member from Gatineau 2 North tested positive for the virus. The staff member is self-isolating at home and the Perley Rideau community wishes our colleague a full recovery. At this time, these are the two active cases among the Perley Rideau's staff and residents.

Upon consultation with Ottawa Public Health, only the Gatineau building is on outbreak.

The Perley Rideau team is following all standard outbreak safety protocols for staff and residents including limiting resident movement on the unit and enhanced Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff.

As a result, all indoor and outdoor visits for the Gatineau building are cancelled. Families wanting to communicate with residents from the Gatineau building are advised to contact the Skype Team via email (skypeteam@prvhc.com). Our team will respond to all messages.

Essential visitors – those who have a resident who is very ill and dying -- will be permitted to visit the Gatineau building. Staff will support these essential visitors and make all necessary arrangements to support a safe visit including the wearing of the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Essential visitors should contact the Manager of Resident Care for the Gatineau building to arrange a visit.

Residents in the Ottawa and Rideau buildings can continue to participate in indoor and outdoor visits.

Following the directive of the Ontario government, the regular two-week swab testing of all staff for COVID-19 commences next week.

Our team continues to work on plans to comply with the updated guidelines from the Ministry of Long-Term Care providing families and caregivers with increased access to the Perley Rideau. Watch for an update with details prior to the September 9th commencement date. View the document, Resuming Visits for Long-Term Care Home: <https://bit.ly/31MSvf7>.

Useful Information

COVID-19 Updates: <http://bit.ly/2bxORAO>

Resumption of Visits: <https://bit.ly/2Z5Z41u>

- Includes our updated Visitor's Guide and key contacts

News Archive: <https://bit.ly/2WTmrKL>

The Command Centre team meets regularly to address this pandemic and our team commits to provide frequent updates to our community and the public.

**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 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.