



## COVID-19 Outbreak Over at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre

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The COVID-19 outbreak in the Rideau building is over, as declared by Ottawa Public Health earlier today. During the outbreak that started the first week of June, three residents tested positive for the virus and one passed away. The death could not be directly attributed to COVID-19. Our condolences go out to the resident's family, friends and caregivers.

Eight staff members tested positive for the virus during the 42-day outbreak. All staff members completed the self-isolation and safety protocols required to return to work.

Continuing an aggressive campaign of outbreak management and surveillance, there were more than 472 COVID-19 tests on residents during this outbreak and staff were tested more than 1407 times. The testing of staff was enhanced following direction from the Ministry of Long-Term Care requiring all long-term care staff to be swabbed at two-week intervals during the month of June.

Since the start of the pandemic there have been 1242 tests on Perley Rideau residents and 2542 tests on staff. Twenty-four residents tested positive for the virus, 12 recovered and 12 passed away. All forty-two staff members who tested positive for COVID-19 during this pandemic recovered.

The June outbreak came one week after the end of a 40-day outbreak that was facility-wide.

During this pandemic, the Command Centre team will continue to meet to confront new challenges, to plan and prepare and act in support of the various stages of re-opening.

"As we mark the end of the outbreak, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the sacrifices made to protect resident safety and well-being," says Akos Hoffer, CEO. "The resilience and patience of our residents has been an inspiration to us all during this difficult time. We look forward to renewing our contact with the community, which has shown such great support over the last several weeks and months."

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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.*