

# Pandemic Planning and Actions

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## March

**March 12** – We intensified our hygiene and housekeeping measures.

- Enhanced auditing of Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) practices including hand hygiene and environmental cleaning.
- Ongoing IPAC training through Surge Learning.
- Focused 1:1 training.

**March 13** – All onsite programs closed (Day Program, Dementia Society).

**March 13** – Command Centre formed to oversee Perley Rideau response to COVID-19.

**March 13** – Town Hall meetings for all three shifts to inform and educate about the novel coronavirus.

**March 14** – Protocols introduced to protect the Perley Rideau community:

- Limiting access to only one door and only essential visitors – those who have a resident who is very ill and dying. At least one member of the management team at the screening desk at every shift change.
- **Implementation of screening of all staff:** 1) Respiratory symptoms? 2) Travel outside Canada? 3) Close contact with probable or confirmed COVID-19 case? 4) Close contact with someone with respiratory symptoms who has been outside Canada? –*Fail screen means staff are recommended to seek testing and self-isolate for 14 days.*

**March 15** – Guest House closed.

**March 20** – Access restrictions expanded to include:

- Privately hired sitters, many of whom visit residents in other facilities.

**March 20** – Only essential volunteers permitted (admissions, feeding, palliative, Boutique).

**March 22** – Enhanced screening at the Main Entrance including temperature checks.

## April

**April 1** – All volunteers restricted.

**New screening measures:** All staff who fail screening are required to be tested (prior it had just been recommended). If positive, staff must self-isolate for 14 days and receive 2 negative test results at least 24 hours apart before returning to work.

**April 5** – Staff requested to choose one place of employment.

**April 8** – Staff members working in a home on outbreak are not permitted to return to work until they are tested for COVID-19 or self-isolate for 14 days.

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



**April 9** – Universal mask policy introduced, staff provided procedural or cloth mask based on work requirements and social distancing.

**April 12** – **New screening measures:** Screening includes atypical symptoms (fatigue, malaise, headache, etc.) with follow up questions to explain symptoms.

**April 14** – Ministry of Health directs universal masking for long-term care homes.

**April 14** – Ministry of Health limits staff to one employer.

**April 15** – First staff member tests positive for COVID-19. Facility-wide outbreak declared.

**April 18 - 22** - COVID-19 testing on all residents. Testing ongoing for all staff.

**April 20** – Six residents test positive for COVID-19. All are asymptomatic.

**April 21** – Cloth masks for non-clinicians changed to procedural masks for all staff.

**April 21** – To prevent virus transmission, staff are required to wear Personal Protective Equipment when caring for residents, regardless of symptoms.

**April 25** - Targeted COVID-19 testing continues on residents and staff.