

Outbreaks Declared on Two Units at Perley Health

Two residents moved to isolation unit in the Ottawa building

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Two residents have tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, outbreaks have now been declared for Ottawa 2 East (O2E) and Gatineau 2 South (G2S). The residents have been moved to the isolation unit in the Ottawa building.

For units on outbreak and the Specialized Behavioural Support Unit -- home to a high risk population -- Essential Caregivers (ECGs) are limited to one ECG at a time with a resident. For residents living on all other units, there is a maximum of two Essential Caregivers at one time. Caregivers must wear the Perley Health provided surgical/procedural mask at all times, unless a different mask is provided by staff.

Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided to Essential Caregivers visiting an outbreak unit or when providing close-proximity personal care to a resident who staff have placed on precautions.

Since the start of the pandemic, there have been 28 resident cases of COVID-19, with two active cases, 13 recoveries and 13 deaths. Although the 13 residents who passed away tested positive for the virus, COVID-19 may not have been the cause of death. More than 96% of residents have now received the third dose of the vaccine (booster) and plans are underway to provide a fourth vaccination, as guided by the Ontario government.

Among staff, during the pandemic, there have been 111 cases of COVID-19 with 29 confirmed active cases as of today. All 82 staff recovered from the virus.

For residents on an outbreak unit, volunteers are no longer permitted on these units. The Perley Health team is committed to keeping our community safe and limiting the transmission of this virus while continuing to engage residents. The Skype team will again support virtual visits and can be contacted via skypeteam@perleyhealth.ca to arrange a visit. We are enhancing personal 1:1 programming and making available activity kits to support residents in isolation. We plan to continue to cohort residents by unit. Remaining open will be the art studios, Mass, Hair Salon, Pub and Cafeteria. Ice cream hour distributed from the Pub will be discontinued and replaced with delivery of individually wrapped ice cream.

“We are determined to protect the health and safety of our residents and staff,” said Mary Boutette, Perley Health’s Chief Operating Officer. “Only through strict compliance with established protocols will we be able to survive this pandemic.”

About Perley Health

Perley Health is a unique and innovative community that empowers Seniors and Veterans to live life to the fullest. Home to more than 600 Seniors and Veterans in long-term care and in independent apartments, Perley Health is also a centre for research, education, and clinical and therapeutic services. One of the largest and most progressive long-term care homes in Ontario, Perley Health provides a growing number of clinical, therapeutic and recreational services to residents, tenants and people from across the region. Our Centre of Excellence in Frailty-Informed Care(TM) conducts and shares the practical research needed to improve care. Future caregivers come here to study and acquire hands-on skills and experience. And more than 400 regular volunteers connect us closely with the community. Together, we improve the well-being of Canada’s ageing population. See more at PerleyHealth.ca.