

Care Provider Survey Summary – Community Living

Overview

- 56 respondents over a 7 hour period on Friday, April 10, 2020 during COVID 19 pandemic
- Respondents are non-profit and private home care organizations that serve people with developmental disabilities
- Some organizations also provide assisted living, long term care and home care services
- Respondents come from each of BC’s five health regions: Fraser (21); Vancouver Coastal (8); Vancouver Island (13); Interior (8); North (6)
- Two questions asked:
 1. **Is your organization experiencing a critical shortage of personal protective equipment? Yes or no?**
 2. **How many days supply do you have for surgical masks, N-95 masks, exam gloves, eye protection, hand sanitizer and protective gowns?**

RESULTS

Question One: *Is your organization experiencing a critical shortage of personal protective equipment?*

- Yes - **79%**
- No – **21%**

Question Two: *How many days supply do you have for the following critical supplies?*

ITEM	0 DAYS	1-3 DAYS	4-7 DAYS	8+ DAYS
Surgical Masks	14%	25%	36%	25%
N-95 Masks	53%	21%	11%	15%
Exam Gloves	5%	5%	22%	67%
Eye Protection	30%	26%	17%	26%
Hand Sanitizer	7%	20%	35%	38%
Protective Gowns	29%	35%	18%	18%

“LOWLIGHTS”

- **77%** of surveyed community living service providers say they are experiencing a critical shortage of personal protective equipment
- **84%** say they have no N-95 masks (**53%**) or only have enough to last up to three days (**21%**)
- **56%** say they have no eye protection equipment (**30%**) or expect to be out by end of the long weekend (**26%**)
- **75%** expect to run out of surgical masks by the end of next week; **39%** expect to run out this long weekend
- **62%** expect to run out of hand sanitizer by the end of next week
- **64%** of community living service providers have three days or less worth of gowns
- **33%** expect to run out of exam gloves by the end of next week