

Care Provider Survey Summary – Home Care

Overview

- 75 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 seniors
- Some organizations also provide assisted living, long term care and community living services
- Respondents come from each of BC’s five health regions: Fraser (18); Vancouver Coastal (20); Vancouver Island (24); Interior (12); North (1)
- 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 - **73%**
- No – **27%**

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	12%	32%	40%	16%
N-95 Masks	65%	23%	10%	2%
Exam Gloves	4%	11%	22%	63%
Eye Protection	46%	15%	17%	22%
Hand Sanitizer	28%	28%	22%	21%
Protective Gowns	21%	37%	21%	21%

“LOWLIGHTS”

- **73%** of surveyed home care providers say they are experiencing a critical shortage of personal protective equipment
- **88%** say they have no N-95 masks (**65%**) or only have enough to last up to three days (**23%**)
- **61%** say they have no eye protection equipment (**46%**) or expect to be out by end of the long weekend (**15%**)
- **84%** expect to run out of surgical masks by the end of next week; **44%** expect to run out this long weekend
- **79%** expect to run out of hand sanitizer by the end of next week; **28%** say they are out now
- **58%** of home care providers have three days or less worth of gowns; **21%** more have only enough to last up to a week
- **37%** expect to run out of exam gloves by the end of next week