

## Care Provider Survey Summary – Long Term Care

### Overview

- 318 respondents over a 7 hour period on Friday, April 10, 2020 during COVID 19 pandemic
- Respondents are non-profit and private long term care organizations that deliver services to frail seniors
- Some organizations also provide home support, assisted and community living services – and many on behalf of government
- Respondents come from each of BC’s five health regions: Fraser (152); Vancouver Coastal (64); Vancouver Island (62); Interior (36); North (4)
- 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 - **72%**
- No – **28%**

**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	6%	33%	33%	28%
N-95 Masks	51%	27%	12%	10%
Exam Gloves	2%	17%	32%	49%
Eye Protection	14%	35%	21%	31%
Hand Sanitizer	4%	22%	33%	40%
Protective Gowns	9%	35%	28%	28%

### “LOWLIGHTS”

- **72%** of surveyed long term care providers say they are experiencing a critical shortage of personal protective equipment
- **78%** say they have no N-95 masks (**51%**) or only have enough to last up to three days (**27%**)
- **49%** say they have no eye protection equipment (**14%**) or expect to be out by end of the long weekend (**35%**)
- **72%** expect to run out of surgical masks by the end of next week; **39%** expect to run out this long weekend
- **59%** expect to run out of hand sanitizer by the end of next week
- **44%** of long term care providers have three days or less worth of gowns; **28%** more have only enough to last up to a week
- **51%** expect to run out of exam gloves by the end of next week