



MLA COVID-19 UPDATE

Status Report
B.C.'s Continuing Care and Seniors Living Sector

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Latest News

As a service of **BC Care Providers Association** and **EngAge BC**, we are pleased to bring you our inaugural weekly **MLA Update** during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. Our seniors care providers today represent the frontline in the battle against the coronavirus, and we want to keep you posted on what is happening.

Among the many steps we have taken since last month is to schedule thrice weekly calls between our organization, other sector representatives, and leadership at the Ministry of Health. Through these meetings, BCCPA advocated for ending non-essential visits to care homes to help prevent the spread of the virus. Soon after, BCCPA called for the ending multi-site employment, and for working with local health authorities to ensure workers are posted at a single care home during the pandemic.

We launched **Operation Canucks**, connecting over 75 out-of-work employees from Canucks Sports & Entertainment with available positions at care homes. We also worked hard alongside **SafeCare BC** to promote donations of PPE (personal protective equipment) for frontline staff through **Operation Protect**. Finally, BCCPA has fielded dozens of media inquiries throughout the pandemic, because keeping care providers, their staff and the public informed is vitally important during a crisis.

Questions? Contact CEO **Daniel Fontaine** at dfontaine@bccare.ca.

Spotlight - Provincial Response

[Province, BCCPA announce EquipCare BC partnership: Enhancing infection prevention, control in seniors' care homes](#)

As part of British Columbia's emergency novel coronavirus (COVID-19) response plan, the Province is partnering with BC Care Providers Association (BCCPA) to launch EquipCare BC to help seniors in long-term care and assisted living homes. EquipCare BC is a new program that will provide \$10 million to enhance infection prevention and control, and improve quality and safety in long-term care and assisted living homes throughout the province.

Spotlight - Federal News

[Physician poll reveals lack of masks and supplies much starker than portrayed; health providers at risk today - CMA](#)

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is calling for urgent action to address the lack of supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health providers across the country.

['It is a very dire situation': At least 600 nursing, retirement homes in Canada have coronavirus cases](#)

Canada's coronavirus epidemic has impacted seniors' homes hardest.

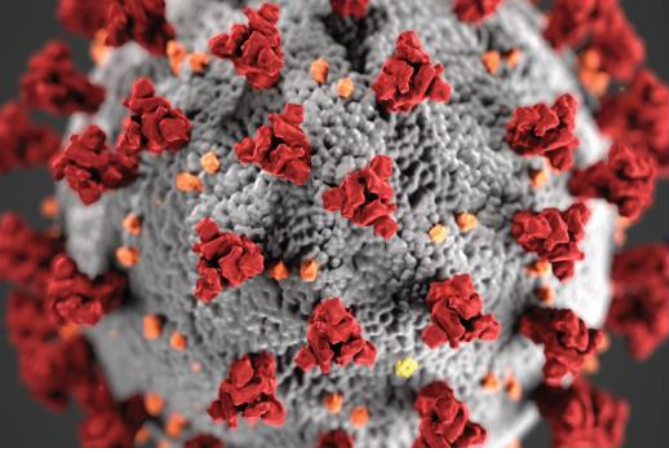
Spotlight - International News

[The novel coronavirus has infected more than 1 million people worldwide](#)

COVID-19, the disease caused by a novel coronavirus, hit a grim milestone Thursday afternoon: there have now been more than one million cases worldwide.

[C.D.C. is expected to advise all Americans to wear cloth masks in public](#)

The Trump administration is expected to announce as soon as Thursday that all Americans should wear cloth masks or other face coverings if they go out in public.

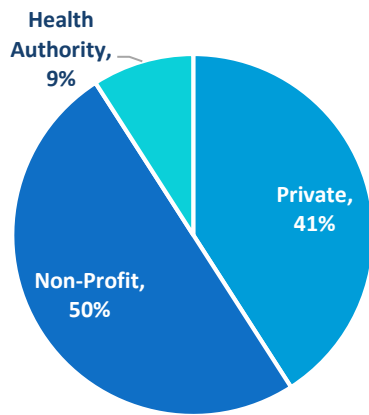


COVID-19 - DEMOGRAPHICS

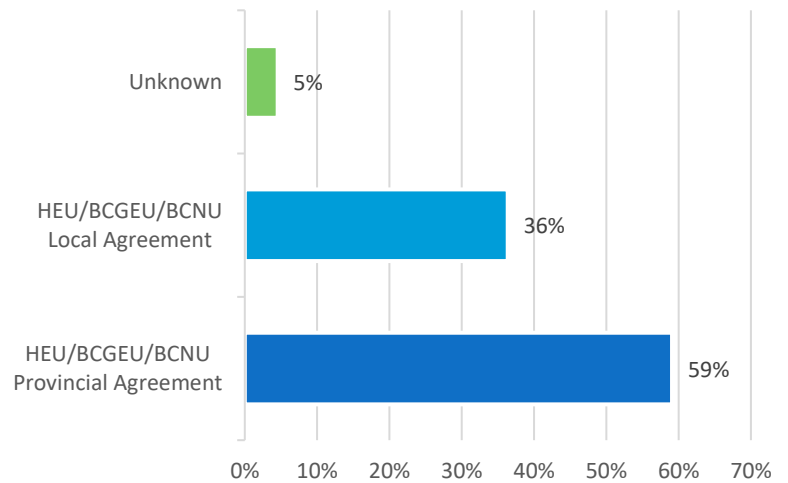
Snapshot of the long-term care, assisted living and independent living sites impacted by the coronavirus in B.C.

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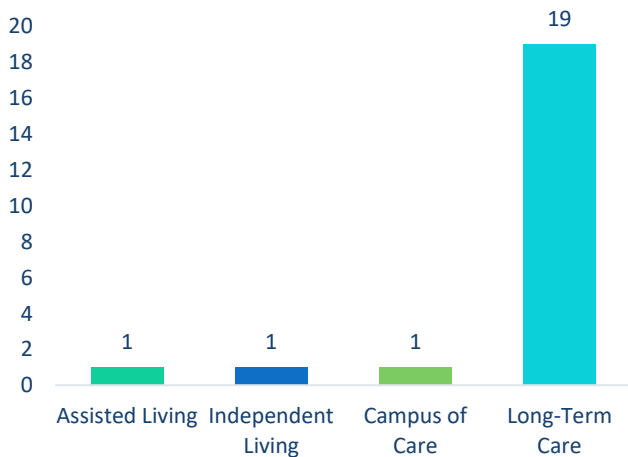
What types of organizations are in outbreak?



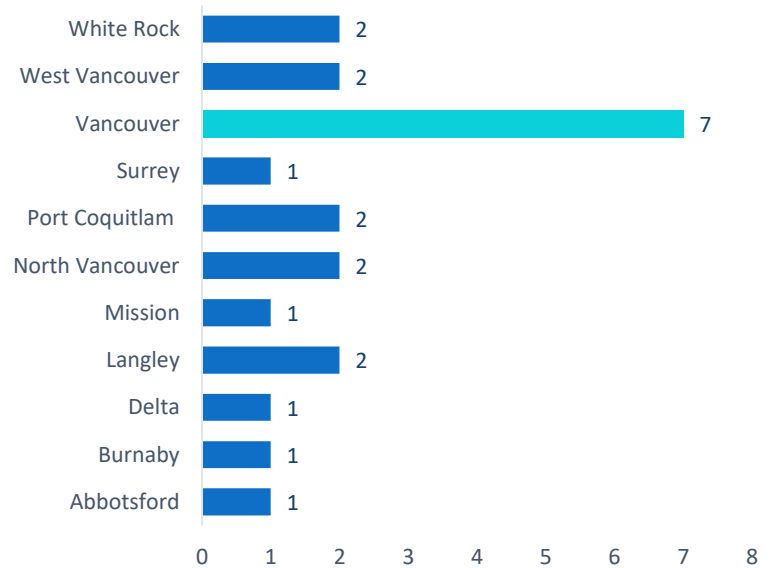
How are staff paid?



What care services are impacted by outbreaks?



Where are the outbreaks?



The above information is in relation to sites with reported cases of COVID-19.
Data presented is based upon publicly-available information.