



Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

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To the Care Providers of British Columbia:

As all British Columbians pull together to manage the COVID-19 pandemic, I want to say how especially proud I am of the way in which you, our dedicated, front-line care providers, have risen to this challenge.

Thanks to your selfless efforts, we are seeing success in managing the spread of COVID-19 and flattening the curve. I am humbled by your selfless work and inspired by your unflagging example of generosity and compassion. You bring such comfort to those struggling with the disease, providing the physical and emotional care that is needed at times of personal crisis.

Despite the demands of your ceaseless struggle to save lives, you also find time to provide support to families and friends, maintaining contact and facilitating online connections for those who cannot be present in person. All this, while maintaining **the regular services upon which all British Columbians in care facilities must rely.**

Yours is a noble profession, indeed, and I have been deeply moved by the benevolence you demonstrate to our most vulnerable citizens. You connect us to our common humanity and inspire to be of service to those who need our help. You set an example to which all British Columbians can aspire.

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As a society, we now know better how to value the unheralded work of care providers—you who go quietly about your daily tasks without fanfare or acknowledgement. We will always be grateful for your willingness to put yourselves in harm's way to keep us safe and to provide care and comfort to those in need.

As the representative of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, and on behalf of all British Columbians, I want to thank all of BC's care providers for the professionalism, generosity and compassion you demonstrate on a daily basis.

I am thinking of you all with admiration, respect and deepest gratitude.

Yours sincerely,



The Honourable Janet Austin, OBC
Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

Debs, Daniel, for all that
you and your nurses do to keep us
safe. Take care!
Jan.