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COVID-19 AND IT'S IMPACT ON LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on long-term care facilities across Canada that house our most vulnerable citizens. The COVID-19 disease in seniors can lead to pneumonia, respiratory failure, and in some cases, death. Those who live in long-term care and assisted living homes or have other medical conditions are at the highest risk of infection and severe illness. [Canadian Institute for Health Information](#) stated that more than 840 outbreaks had been reported in LTC facilities and retirement homes, accounting for more than 80% of all COVID-19 deaths in Canada.

An October 20th [Globe and Mail news article](#) discusses how the lack of COVID-19 testing programs across Canada has slowed nursing homes' ability to quickly identify infected residents and staff. Furthermore, staffing shortages, working conditions, lack of personal protective equipment, and funding have posed huge threats throughout the pandemic. The LTC facilities in Ontario have been amongst the hardest hit in Canada. As of [September 10th](#), Ontario reported 1,817 resident deaths from COVID-19, compared to 156 deaths in B.C., while the number of cases among LTC residents in Ontario totaled nearly 6,000 compared to 466 in B.C. Class action lawsuits have been filed across Canada, alleging negligence on the part of governments and/or nursing home operators in handling the virus.

On top of the virus's threat, social isolation is taking its toll on the residents' mental health. There have been increases in levels of depression, anxiety, worsening dementia, and failure to thrive. B.C. has now updated guidelines allowing residents to visit with one family member or friend, although visits are not permitted if there is an active COVID-19 outbreak. Perhaps a more significant investment needs to be made in a mental health strategy at long-term care homes to provide an increase in daily activities and the hiring of companion staff. Although prohibiting group activities will decrease the risk of spreading the virus, it significantly increases the isolation and resulting loneliness of residents resulting in a tricky balancing act each facility must face.



As outlined in an October 19th [CTV News](#) article, health officials in B.C. confirmed the province is dealing with several new outbreaks of COVID-19; four of those outbreaks are at health-care facilities in the Lower Mainland. With a continued rise in COVID-19 cases across Canada, the question is, are long-term care facilities ready?

If you or someone you know has concerns regarding your loved one in a long-term care facility, please contact us at <https://www.picanada.ca/contact-us/> or call our office 604-922-6572 and have a free consultation with one of our experienced investigators.

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