

Through BCSLA's cooperation with the Provincial Government of BC, we are working to provide timely, informative updates to our members and to those living in our communities and their loved ones. This portal will be populated with updates as we receive them so be sure to check regularly. It is recommended that you contact the seniors' community or residence prior to any visitation.

For those who have any outstanding questions or concerns, please email them to: <u>membership@bcsla.ca</u>

Information Links:

For recommendations on protecting yourself and your community, visit:

http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel)

For the COVID-19 pandemic preparedness and planning materials, visit:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/pandemic-influenza.

For federal government recommendations on mass gatherings, visit:

https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirusinfection/health-professionals/mass-gatherings-risk-assesment.html

COVID-19 terms visit:

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Sites Requiring PPE and Sanitization Supplies

For those sites who have a critical shortage (three (3) days or less of supply) of any PPE or Sanitization Products should send an email to <u>info@safecarebc.ca</u> with the PPE or supplies needed and the name of your current suppliers.

Visitation Guidelines for Family and Loved Ones:

Although most BCSLA members are already practicing common sense approaches to their site specific visitation guidelines, the Public Health Officer has issued a communique regarding the restriction of visitors. Although the notice implicitly applies to Long Term Care sites, Ministry of Health (MoH) officials have approved the use of these guidelines by private-pay Independent Living and Assisted Living sites to help assist in any enforcement of visitor restrictions. But to be prudent and safe, it is

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recommended that you contact the residence prior to visiting to ensure that any sitespecific guidelines are adhered to.

For additional information, please click the link below for Visitor Restriction Guidelines.

http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/clinicalcare/long-term-care-facilities-assisted-living