

# **Rural Long Term Care Resident Experience Survey Results 2021**



# **Western Health**

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## **Background**

### **Long Term Care at Western Health**

Long Term Care (LTC) provides quality institutionally based programs and services within three LTC homes, four Protective Community Residences and four Rural Health Centers. LTC staff work collaboratively with other branches of Western Health in the planning, delivery, and monitoring of LTC programs and services. An interdisciplinary, collaborative model of care is important for delivery of quality LTC programming. Nursing, Social Work, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Behavior Management, Physicians, Pharmacy, Therapeutic Recreation, and Spiritual Care are all integral parts of the interdisciplinary team within LTC programs and services. In 2020/2021, LTC developed a new Regional LTC Quality Improvement Team composed of residents, family members, clinical staff, and support staff from various LTC sites in the region. As part of Western Health's commitment to quality improvement for residents and their families, it is important to measure resident and family experience. The Quality Improvement Team reviewed and provided input on modifications to the LTC Resident and Family Experience Surveys. The Team, and LTC sites, will use the survey results to guide quality improvement initiatives.

### **Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic**

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2021, the world faced profound economic and social impacts. Within Western Health, 2020/2021 was an exception year in many ways. The effects and implications of the pandemic affected all sites, services, and programs throughout the year. LTC residents, families and staff were impacted by many changes in staffing and safety protocols, resident and visitor screening practises, personal protective equipment, program delivery, and visitor restrictions.

### **Survey Instrument**

The validated Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Nursing Home Survey: Resident Instrument, developed by Alberta Health Services, was utilized as the basis for the survey administered to LTC residents throughout the Western region. Based on experiences using this survey within Western Health in 2010 and administering a modified version in 2013 and 2015/16, this survey tool was modified in collaboration with the Regional LTC Quality Improvement Team. Questions were modified to fit with current language and terminology for services and providers, to ask about additional services and providers, as well as to help assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on resident experience. This modified tool (Appendix A) was used to evaluate resident experiences and administered electronically through the Get Feedback online survey platform.

## **Method**

The LTC Resident Experience Surveys were administered face-to-face from May 3 to June 25, 2021. Due to visitor restrictions, volunteers were not able to be utilized for survey administration. However, sites used a combination of staff, students, and nurses on ease-back to administer and transcribe the surveys. Western Health promoted the LTC Resident Experience Survey broadly on the organization's website and social media pages. The Resident Survey was also promoted within the Family Survey promotions and families were encouraged to assist their family members with completion, if preferred.

## **Participants**

The health care team for each LTC facility/floor throughout Western Health determined which LTC residents were able to complete the survey. A list of residents able to complete the survey was compiled by each team and provided to those responsible for administering the survey. All residents listed were given the opportunity to participate.

## **Sample**

Surveys were administered to 150 resident participants regionally. Survey data was combined for Dr. Charles LeGrow Health Centre (LHC), Calder Health Centre (CHC), Bonne Bay Health Centre (BBHC), and Rufus Guinchard Health Centre (RGHC), as there were less than ten responses for each respective site. For the four Rural Health Centres combined, 29 residents completed the survey. The total occupancy for LTC beds in the Rural Health Centres was 83 at the time of the survey and 97% of those identified as able to complete participated. This sample size provides a confidence level of 85% that the real values are within  $\pm 5\%$  of the measured values.

## **Privacy, Confidentiality, and Data Security**

Privacy and confidentiality were achieved as the residents names were not reported on the surveys. The electronic survey reports are stored in a password-protected account on the Get Feedback online platform. Any information that could potentially identify the residents was deleted. All downloaded data was stored on a password protected computer in the Monaghan Hall office used by Quality staff.

## **Data Analysis**

Survey data was entered directly into Get Feedback by the respondent or transcribed from paper copies by the survey administrators. Reports were developed and analyzed in this survey platform. Descriptive statistics were calculated to obtain a general perspective of residents' experiences with LTC services at Western Health. The not applicable and I don't know/I am unsure responses were removed from calculations to provide a more accurate representation of the measures. Comments were compiled based on common themes.

Statistics were also filtered for each site or grouping of sites where the sample provided sufficient data to assist in quality improvement initiatives. Comparisons to the 2016 results must consider that the 2021 residents are not the same individuals who were residing in LTC in 2016. The following report provides combined survey results for the four Rural Health Centres.

## **Results**

### **Demographics**

A total of 29 surveys were completed across the four rural health centres, a small increase from 25 participants in the 2016 survey. In total, 31% of the respondents were from LHC, 21% from CHC, 17% from BBHC, and 31% from RGHC.

To gain a more thorough understanding of the demographics of the LTC residents, respondents were asked for their age, gender, race or ethnicity, and whether they had difficulty with the English language. Of the residents, 14% were 95+, 34% were 85-94, 24% were 75-84, 14% were 65-74, and 13% were 64 and under. Females accounted for 72% of the respondents and males for 28%. All of the respondents identified as White/Caucasian (100%). Of the respondents, 93% reported not having difficulty with the English language, and 7% reported having difficulty.

Residents were also asked about highest level of school completed, whether they had a roommate, and if they had help with survey completion. Of the respondents, 93% reported having grade school or some high school, 3% reported having completed high school or having a GED, and 3% reported having some university or college. About half of the respondents (52%) had a roommate. When asked about support with survey completion, 97% of the respondents had assistance, with the most common assistance being 'read the questions to me' (89%) and 'recorded the answers I gave' (86%).

### **Meals**

Residents were asked to rate food and dining experience on a scale of 0-10 (with 10 being the best possible). On average, respondents rated meal quality at 8.45, comparable to 8.53 in 2016. Food taste was rated 8.48 and food temperature was rated 8.41. When asked how the pandemic has impacted their satisfaction with the meals provided, 83% of respondents reported no change, 7% reported being somewhat more satisfied, 7% reported they were significantly more satisfied, and 3% reported being significantly less satisfied.

Those who eat in the dining room (or communal area), were asked how they would rate their mealtime enjoyment. The average rating was 8.8, no change from 2016. When asked how the pandemic has impacted their satisfaction with the mealtime experience (such as the dining room), 76% of respondents reported no change, 7% reported being somewhat more satisfied, 7% reported they were significantly more satisfied, and 10% reported being somewhat less satisfied.

## **Environment**

Respondents were asked to rate the home in relation to temperature and cleanliness. On average, respondents rated the temperature at 7.57 (range 0-10), an increase from a rating of 7.12 in 2016. On average, respondents rated cleanliness at 9.63, a small increase from 9.32 in 2016. When asked how the pandemic has impacted their satisfaction with the cleanliness of the LTC home, 76% of respondents reported no change, 14% reported being somewhat more satisfied, 10% reported they were significantly more satisfied, and no one (0%) reported being less satisfied.

Respondents were asked to indicate whether the area around their room was quiet at night and 90% reported yes and 10% reported sometimes. The majority of respondents reported that they were not bothered by noise during the day (79%), while 10% reported that they were and 10% reported sometimes. Privacy is also an important component of environment. When respondents were asked if they could find a place to visit in private if they had a visitor, 86% reported yes, 7% reported no, and 7% reported sometimes. Respondents were also asked to indicate how safe and secure they felt in the home, and on average respondents reported 9.52, which is a small decrease from 9.64 in 2016.

## **Medication**

When asked if they take any medicine (prescribed or Aspirin/Tylenol) to help with aches or pain, 90% of respondents indicated that they took some medication, while 10% said that they did not. Of those who indicated using pain medication, respondents rated the medicine at 8.08 (range 0-10) in how well it worked to help with aches or pain. This was a decrease from a rating of 8.78 in 2016. On average, respondents rated how well staff helped them when they had pain at 9.12 (range 0-10), a small decrease from 9.39 in 2016.

## **Resident Care**

Residents were asked to indicate the rating they would give for the overall care they receive from all the LTC staff. Respondents rated overall care as 9.32 out of 10. This is a slight increase in satisfaction from a rating of 9.2 in 2016. When asked how the pandemic has impacted their satisfaction with their overall care, 79% of respondents reported no change, 7% reported somewhat more satisfied, 7% reported they were significantly more satisfied, 7% reported somewhat less satisfied, and no one (0%) reported being significantly less satisfied.

Residents were asked to indicate if they get the care they need in the LTC home. The majority (97%) reported yes and 3% reported sometimes. Ninety seven percent of respondents reported that staff helped them to dress, bathe, shower, or go to the toilet. Residents were also asked if they sometimes needed help from staff to stay clean. Of the respondents, 93% reported yes, 3% reported sometimes, and 3% reported no.

Respondents who needed help were asked if they received the help they needed to stay clean and the majority (97%) reported yes, while 3% reported sometimes and no one (0%) reported no. This is an increase from 2016, when 64% of respondents reported that they received the help they needed, 4% reported sometimes, and 32% did not report. When respondents were asked whether they were left sitting or lying in the same position for so long it hurt, 4% of respondents reported yes, 13% reported sometimes and 73% reported no.

Respondents were also asked to indicate if the staff made sure they had enough personal privacy when they dressed, showered, or bathed and 90% indicated yes, while 7% indicated sometimes, and 3% reported no.

Several rating questions were asked about the care residents received in relation to gentleness, respect, listening, and explaining things in a way the residents could understand (see Table 1). There were small increases in most ratings from 2016 and all aspects of care received high ratings.

**Table 1. Resident Care (Range 0-10; 10 being best possible)**

<b>Aspect</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Gentleness of staff</b>	9.12	<b>9.25</b>
<b>Respectfulness of staff</b>	9.32	<b>9.41</b>
<b>Staff listen</b>	8.72	<b>8.72</b>
<b>Staff explain things in a way that is easy to understand</b>	8.96	<b>9.04</b>
<b>Overall rating of care from all staff</b>	9.20	<b>9.32</b>

Respondents were asked to indicate how often they were satisfied with the care they received from each of the programs/disciplines providing care (Table 2). Not applicable ratings were removed to indicate satisfaction of those who had experience with each service. While respondents reported some levels of dissatisfaction with each service, the majority reported being usually or always satisfied with each service.

Table 2. Resident Satisfaction with Services (% of respondents; not applicable removed)

<b>Program/Discipline</b>	<b>Never</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Usually</b>	<b>Always</b>
<b>Nursing Staff</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Nurse Practitioner/Doctor</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Physiotherapy</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Recreation Therapy</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Social Work</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>Spiritual Care</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>67%</b>

When asked how the pandemic has impacted their satisfaction with access to health care staff, 7% reported being somewhat less satisfied, 83% reported no change, 3% reported being somewhat more satisfied, and 7% reported they were significantly more satisfied. When asked how the pandemic has impacted their satisfaction with access to programs and treatments, 17% reported being somewhat less satisfied, 69% reported no change, 7% reported being somewhat more satisfied, and 7% reported they were significantly more satisfied.

Respondents were asked if they visited a doctor or nurse practitioner for medical care outside or inside the LTC home. Of the respondents, 10% reported visiting a doctor or nurse practitioner outside the LTC home and 87% reported visiting one inside the LTC home. When asked if a doctor or nurse practitioner was available when they need one, 66% of respondents reported yes, 21% reported sometimes and 14% reported no.

### **Activities and Visitation**

When asked if they were satisfied with how they spent their time in the LTC home, the majority of respondents (76%) reported yes and 24% reported sometimes. When asked how the pandemic has impacted their satisfaction with their access to activities, 3% of respondents reported being significantly less satisfied, 38% reported being somewhat less satisfied, 48% reported no change, 3% reported being somewhat more satisfied, and 7% reported they were significantly more satisfied.

Residents were asked if the visitor restrictions put in place during the last six months had changed their in-person visits with their loved ones. Sixty nine percent of residents indicated some or significant decrease, while 28% indicated no change and 3% indicated some increase. To further understand the impact of the pandemic-related visitor restrictions, residents were asked if they had enough in-person visits to meet their needs. The majority of residents (59%) reported that they did have enough visits to meet their needs, while 14% reported no, 28% reported sometimes. The common theme in residents'

responses centered missing visits from minister and family and waiting for visitor restrictions to be lifted.

Residents were asked about frequency, purpose, and satisfaction with virtual visits, which were defined as talking on the phone or having video calls (Face Time, Google Duo, etc.). Of the respondents, 75% reporting having virtual visits. Of those who had virtual visits, 33% reported daily visits, 38% reported several times per week, 9% reported weekly, 9% reported having visits several times per month, and 9% monthly or less. When those who had virtual visits were asked to indicate all reasons (check all that apply) for their virtual visits, 57% reported that they had virtual visits to connect with loved ones who could not visit in-person due to restrictions and 52% had virtual visits to have additional contact with loved ones between their in-person visits. In addition, 57% of respondents reported that they had virtual visits to connect with loved ones who live far away. When asked if they had enough virtual visits to meet their needs, 90% of respondents reported yes and 10% reported sometimes.

Residents were asked if there were enough activities for them to do on the weekends and 11% reported yes, 82% reported no, and 7% reported sometimes. This indicates a decrease in satisfaction with weekend activities from 2016, when 48% reported yes, 32% reported no, and 20% reported sometimes. When asked if there were enough activities during the week, 93% reported yes, 4% reported no, and 4% reported sometimes. In comparison, this is an increase in satisfaction from 2016, when 84% of respondents reported yes, 4% reported no, and 12% reported sometimes.

### **Autonomy and Control**

Respondents were asked about decision making and whether they chose what time they went to bed, clothes they wore and activities in which they participated (Table 3).

Table 3. Choices (% of respondents)

<b>Choice</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Bed time</b>	76%	17%	7%
<b>Clothes</b>	79%	7%	14%
<b>Activities</b>	90%	3%	7%

When respondents were asked about their ability to move around alone (not in a wheelchair), 11% of respondents reported yes and 89% reported no. When asked if they were able to move their arms to reach then things that they want, 55% or respondents reported yes, 28% reported sometimes, and 17% reported no. When asked if they could reach the call button by themselves, 92% of respondents reported yes, 4% reported no, and 4% reported sometimes. When asked if there was a pitcher of water or something to drink

where they could reach it by themselves, 75% of respondents reported yes, 13% reported no, and 13% reported sometimes.

Respondents were asked if they were ever unhappy with the care that they get at the LTC home and the majority (86%) reported no, while 3% reported yes and 10% reported sometimes. While this indicates some residents have dissatisfactions with their care, respondents also felt they had opportunity to bring forward their concerns. When asked if they feel free to speak up to staff when they are unhappy with their care, 86% reported yes, 10% reported sometimes, and 3% reported no.

### **Health and Wellness**

When respondents were asked to rate how they felt about their life overall (0 being the worst possible and 10 being the best possible), on average they rated their lives at 7.21, a decrease from 8.12 in 2016. When asked how the current pandemic has changed how they feel about their lives, 7% reported a significant negative change, 21% reported some negative change, 69% reported no change, 3% reported some positive change, and no one (0%) reported significant positive change. Residents were asked to indicate how they would rate their overall health. Of the respondents, 7% reported excellent, 24% reported very good, 41% reported good, 28% reported fair, and no one (0%) reported poor. This shows some shifts with an overall decline in health rating compared to 2016, when 16% of respondents reported excellent, 24% reported very good, 40% reported good, 8% reported fair, and 12% reported poor.

Residents were asked to indicate how they would rate their overall mood or emotional wellbeing. Of the respondents, 3% reported excellent, 52% reported very good, 34% reported good, 10% reported fair, and no one (0%) reported poor. Residents were asked to indicate how their mood had changed because of the pandemic. Of the respondents, 45% reported no change, 34% reported a little worse, 21% reported significantly worse, and no one (0%) reported a little or significantly better.

Respondents were also asked to indicate how often they felt worried, happy, bored, and lonely (Table 4). All respondents reported being happy often or sometimes (100%), which was an increase from 92% in 2016. However, compared to 2016, a larger percentage of respondents also reported often or sometimes being worried (48% from 36%), bored (65% from 44%), and lonely (83% from 68%).

Table 4. Emotions (% of respondents)

Emotion	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
<b>Happy</b>	59%	41%	0%	0%
<b>Worried</b>	14%	34%	14%	38%
<b>Bored</b>	3%	62%	24%	10%
<b>Lonely</b>	21%	62%	10%	7%

### Future Planning

Respondents were asked whether they had a discussion with family or a close friend about what healthcare treatment they wanted or did not want if they became ill and could not speak for themselves. Of the respondents, 62% reported yes, 24% reported no, and 14% reported I don't know/I am unsure. When asked if they ever had a discussion with a healthcare professional or long term care staff about what healthcare treatment they wanted or did not want if they became ill and could not speak for themselves, 52% reported yes, 24% reported no, and 24% reported I don't know/I am unsure. When asked how important they felt it was to have this kind of discussion with a healthcare professional or long term care staff, 11% of respondents reported extremely important, 61% very important, 25% somewhat important, and 4% not very important.

### Overall

When asked to rate the LTC home, on average, respondents rated the home at 9.0 (range 0-10; 0 being the worst possible and 10 being the best possible). This is a slight decrease from an overall rating of 9.2 in 2016. When respondents were asked whether they would recommend their LTC home to others, 66% reported definitely yes, 31% reported probably yes, no one (0%) reported probably no, and 3% reported definitely no. This is a decrease from 2016, when 84% reported definitely yes, 12% reported probably yes, 4% reported probably no, and no one (0%) reported definitely no.

Residents were also asked if they felt that the protocols and restriction put in place during the pandemic have worked to keep them safe from getting COVID-19. Of the respondents, 69% reported definitely yes, 31% reported probably yes, and no one (0%) reported probably or definitely no.

There were very limited comments received from residents in the rural sites, resulting in only one common theme regarding a dissatisfaction with the decrease in visitation. Please refer to the regional report for additional details on common themes from resident comments.

## **Strengths and Opportunities for Improvement**

Overall results indicate that the Long Term Care services at Western Heath's Rural Health Centres have many strengths including the overall respect, communication and gentleness of staff with residents and the availability of a physician or nurse practitioner when needed. Residents reported feeling free to speak up to staff when they are unhappy with their care, as well as enjoying meals and mealtime experience. Residents also indicated high satisfaction with aspects of the environment including cleanliness, safety, and noise level at night. Also admirable is that the Rural Health Centres have responded to the pandemic without any significant negative impact on residents' experience of care. When asked about the impact of the pandemic on their satisfaction with various aspects of their care, the majority of residents reported no change in their satisfaction with their access to health care staff, access to programs and treatment, or overall care, among other factors.

The survey results identified the following areas for the Rural Health Centres to explore for opportunities for improvement:

- Easy access to water or something to drink;
- Supports to alleviate residents' worry, boredom, and loneliness;
- Availability and choices of activities, with a focus on the weekends
- Access to in-person and virtual visitation;
- Supports for residents to plan their future wants and needs if they become ill and cannot speak for themselves.

## **Appendix A**

### **Western Health Long Term Care Resident Experience Survey**

## Long Term Care Resident Experience Survey

As someone living in long term care, we are asking for your help. We are doing a survey in an effort to understand how you view your experience of living in long term care. Any information that you decide to share will help us identify areas for improvement. Western Health will post a summary of the information from all residents who respond on our website at [www.westernhealth.nl.ca](http://www.westernhealth.nl.ca). This report will be available in September 2021.

If you prefer to complete the survey electronically, it is available here: [www.westernhealth.nl.ca/survey](http://www.westernhealth.nl.ca/survey)

Your participation in this survey is voluntary and will not affect your health care. We have prepared the survey to be anonymous and will not identify you as a participant. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about the survey, please call Tracey Wells-Stratton, Regional Manager Research and Evaluation at (709)784-8601, or email her at [traceywells@westernhealth.nl.ca](mailto:traceywells@westernhealth.nl.ca).

Thank you for helping to improve long term care in the Western region.

### 1. Site:

*Mark only one oval.*

- Dr. Charles L. LeGrow Health Centre (Port Aux Basques)
- Calder Health Care Centre (Burgeon)
- Bay St. George Long Term Care Centre (Stephenville Crossing)
- Corner Brook Long Term Care (Corner Brook)
- Protective Community Residences (Corner Brook)
- Western Long Term Care (Corner Brook)
- Bonne Bay Health Centre (Bonne Bay)
- Rufus Guinard Health Centre (Port Saunders)

### 2. Overall, how would you rate this LTC Home? 0 is the worst possible & 10 is the best possible

*Mark only one oval.*

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Worst possible	<input type="radio"/>	Best possible										

3. Please rate the following aspects of the LTC home. 0 is the worst possible & 10 is the best possible. Please write in the number would you use to rate the following:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
How comfortable is the temperature in the LTC home?	<input type="radio"/>										
How clean is this LTC home?	<input type="radio"/>										
How safe and secure do you feel in this LTC home?	<input type="radio"/>										

4. What number would you use to rate the food and dining experience at this LTC Facility? 0 is the worst possible & 10 is the best possible. Please write in the number you would use to rate the following:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
Overall, how would you rate the food?	<input type="checkbox"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
How would you rate the food's taste?	<input type="checkbox"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
How would you rate the food's temperature?	<input type="checkbox"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
If you eat in the dining room (or communal area), how would you rate how much you enjoy mealtimes?	<input type="checkbox"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Now think about all the different kinds of medicine that help with aches or pain. This includes medicine prescribed by a doctor or nurse practitioner, as well as aspirin and tylenol. Do you ever take any medicine to help with aches or pain?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- I don't know / I am not sure

- 6. 0 is the worst possible & 10 is the best possible. Please write in the number would you use to rate the following:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
How well the medicine worked to help with aches or pain											
How well the staff help you when you have pain											

- 7. Do the staff make sure you have enough personal privacy when you dress, take a shower, or bathe?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

- 8. Do staff help you with any of the following: to dress, bathe, shower, or go to the toilet?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

- 9. 0 is the worst possible & 10 is the best possible. What number would you use to rate how gentle the staff are when they are helping you?

Mark only one oval.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Worst possible	<input type="radio"/>	Best possible										

10. 0 is the worst possible & 10 is the best possible. Please write in the number would you use to rate the following:

	0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10
How respectful the staff are to you?	<input type="checkbox"/>
How well the staff listen to you?	<input type="checkbox"/>
How well the staff explain things in a way that is easy to understand?	<input type="checkbox"/>
The overall care you get from all the staff?	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. How often are you satisfied with the care you receive from the following services/providers?

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Never	Sometimes	Usually	Always	N/A
Nursing Staff	<input type="radio"/>				
Nurse Practitioner / Doctor	<input type="radio"/>				
Occupational Therapy	<input type="radio"/>				
Physiotherapy	<input type="radio"/>				
Recreation Therapy	<input type="radio"/>				
Social Work	<input type="radio"/>				
Spiritual Care	<input type="radio"/>				

12. Please respond to the following with yes, no, or sometimes.

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Yes	No	Sometimes
Is the area around your room quiet at night?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are you bothered by noise during the day?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If you have a visitor, can you find a place to visit in private?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you visit a doctor or nurse practitioner for medical care outside the LTC home?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you see any doctor or nurse practitioner for medical care inside the LTC home?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is a doctor or nurse practitioner available to you when needed?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. Do you have any additional comments you would like to share about your experience with the LTC facility and the care you receive? If so, please explain:

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14. Are you able to move around alone - not in a wheelchair?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes    *Skip to question 16*
- No

15. Are you ever left sitting or laying in the same position so long that it hurts?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes  
 No  
 Sometimes

16. Are you able to move your arms to reach things that you want?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes  
 No Skip to question 18  
 Sometimes

17. We'd like to find out about whether you can reach the things you need to in your room.

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No	Sometimes
Can you reach the call button by yourself?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is there a pitcher of water or something to drink where you can reach it by yourself?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. We'd like to know about choices you can make for yourself at this LTC home. Can you choose:

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No	Sometimes
What time you go to bed?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
What clothes you wear?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
What activities you do here?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Are there enough organized activities for you to do:

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Yes	No	Sometimes
On the weekends?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
During the week?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20. Over the past 6 months, did you have enough visits with someone in-person to meet your needs?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes  
 No  
 Sometimes  
 Did not have in-person visits

21. Did the visitor restrictions put in place during the last 6 months change your in-person visits with loved ones?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Significant decrease  
 Some decrease  
 No change  
 Some increase  
 Significant increase

22. In the last 6 months, how often did you have 'virtual visits' with your loved ones: talked on the phone or had video calls (FaceTime, Google Duo, etc.)?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Daily
- Several times per week
- Weekly
- Several times per month
- Monthly or less
- Did not have virtual visits    *Skip to question 26*

23. Why did you have virtual visits?

*Check all that apply.*

- To connect with loved ones who live far away
- To connect with loved ones who could not visit in-person due to visitation restrictions
- To have additional contact with loved ones between their in-person visits

24. Did you have enough virtual visits to meet your needs?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

25. Do you have any additional comments you would like to share about your experience with activities and visits at the LTC home? If so, please explain:

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26. Would you recommend this LTC home to others?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Definitely no
- Probably no
- Probably yes
- Definitely yes

27. In general, how would you rate your overall mood or emotional well-being?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

28. How often do you feel the following here in the LTC home:

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Worried	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Happy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bored	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lonely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. Has your mood or emotional wellbeing changed because of the current pandemic?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Significantly worse
- A little worse
- No change
- A little better
- Significantly better

30. In general, how would you rate your overall health?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

31. For the following questions, please answer yes, no, sometimes, or not applicable

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Yes	No	Sometimes	Not applicable
Are you satisfied with how you spend your time at this home?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Are you ever unhappy with the care you get at this home?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you feel free to speak up to staff when you are unhappy with your care?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you get the care you need at this home?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you sometimes need help from staff to stay clean?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you receive the help you need from staff to stay clean?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

32. How has the pandemic changed your satisfaction with the following aspects of your care and experience in this LTC home?

Mark only one oval per row.

	Significantly less satisfied	Somewhat less satisfied	No change	Somewhat more satisfied	Significantly more satisfied
Overall care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cleanliness of the home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meals - food provided	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mealtime experience (such as dining room)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your access to activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your access to health care staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your access to programs and treatments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

33. These next few questions are about you. First we want to know how you feel about your life now. Use any number from 0 to 10 where 0 is the worst possible and 10 is the best possible. What number would you use to rate your life now?

Mark only one oval.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Worst possible	<input type="radio"/>	Best possible										

34. How has the current pandemic changed how you feel about your life?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Significant negative change
- Some negative change
- No change
- Some positive change
- Significant positive change

35. Do you feel that the protocols and restrictions put in place during the pandemic have worked to keep you safe from getting COVID-19?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Definitely no
- Probably no
- Probably yes
- Definitely yes

36. Do you have any additional comments you would like to share about the impact of the pandemic on your experience and satisfaction at this LTC home? If so, please explain:

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37. What is your age

*Mark only one oval.*

- 18-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85-94
- 95+

38. What is the highest level of school that you have completed?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Grade school or some high school
- Completed high school or GED
- Post secondary technical school
- Some university or college
- Completed college diploma
- Completed university degree
- Post grad degree (Ph.D. or MD)

39. What is your race or ethnicity?

*Mark only one oval.*

- White / Caucasian
- Indigenous / Aboriginal
- Multiracial / Multiethnic
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

40. What is your gender?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Female
- Non-binary
- Male
- Transgender
- I prefer to self-describe:

41. Do you currently have a roommate?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

42. Do you have difficulty with English language?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- Yes to some extent
- No

43. Have you had a discussion with family or a close friend about what healthcare treatment you want or do not want if you become very ill and you cannot speak for yourself?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- I don't know / I am not sure

44. Have you had a discussion with a healthcare professional or LTC staff about what healthcare treatment you want or do not want if you become very ill and you cannot speak for yourself?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes  
 No  
 I don't know / I am not sure

45. In your opinion, how important is it to have this kind of discussion with a healthcare professional or LTC staff?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Extremely important  
 Very important  
 Somewhat important  
 Not very important  
 Not at all important

46. Did someone help you complete this survey?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes  
 No    *Skip to question 48*

47. How did that person help you?

*Check all that apply.*

- Read the questions to me  
 Recorded the answers I gave  
 Answered the questions for me  
 Translated the questions into my language

Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

- 48. Do you have any additional comments or concerns you would like to share about your experience in this LTC home? If so, please explain.

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Thank You! Your opinions are very important to us.

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