Nurses Experiences of Caring for Older People during Climate-Related Weather Events in Canadian Long-term Care Homes

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA **LETTER OF INFORMATION**

Invitation

You are invited to participate in a research study about nurses' experiences of caring for older people during climate-related weather events (e.g. heat/extreme temperatures, wildfires, flooding) in Canadian long-term care homes. Your participation will help us understand nurses' experiences and the strategies used to support residents before, during, and after climate-related weather events. We are inviting nurses (Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Registered Psychiatric Nurses, Registered Practical Nurses) who work in long-term care homes across Canada to participate. This invitation is inclusive of staff nurses (also referred to as point-of-care), administrators (e.g. managers, Directors of Care, care coordinators, etc.), educators, clinicians, and advance practice nurses (e.g. Clinical Nurse Specialists).

Participant recruitment for the study will continue until June 30, 2024.

Background

In Canada we are experiencing an unprecedented acceleration of climate-related weather events, including heat/extreme temperatures, wildfires, and flooding. In general, older people are particularly vulnerable during such events due to physiological changes of aging and socio-contextual factors (e.g. gender, income, housing). For those living in long-term care homes, the risks are even greater due to advanced health issues and functional dependence on staff.

Nurses play a key role in supporting residents during climate-related weather events. We are interested in learning about nurses' experiences in order to develop recommendations to inform best practices and person-centered care before, during, and after these events.

Participation

If you choose to participate, you will be asked to take part in a one-on-one interview. The interview will last about one hour. The interview will take place virtually on Zoom. We will also ask you to provide some general demographic information so that we can report the group characteristics in any presentations or publications.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact the study's Principal Investigator:
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