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Lessons Learnt from the COVID-19 Pandemic in Long-Term Care

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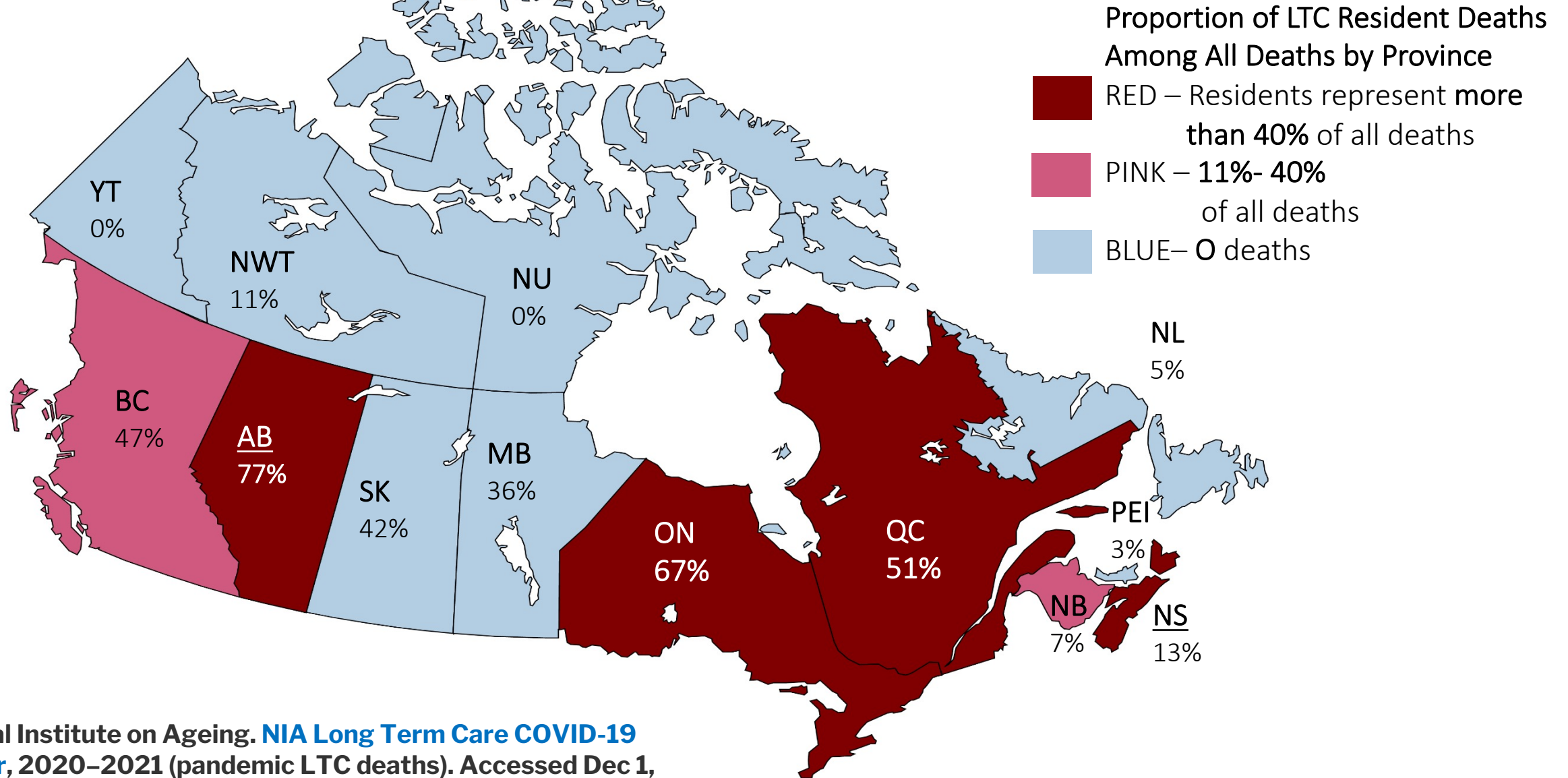
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Impact

Proportion of LTC Homes Affected by COVID-19 by Province (% in Province)



Key Lessons

Recognized that long-term care has:

- Long-standing and pervasive deficiencies
- Residents with increasing complexities and co-morbidities
- Challenges with recruiting and retaining staff

COVID-19 put a spotlight on LTC.



Percent of COVID-19 Related Deaths in Canada

- 1st Wave = about **80%** were LTC Residents
- 1st + 2nd Wave = about **70%** were LTC residents
- As of Nov 29, 2021 = **53%** of COVID-related deaths were LTC residents

Importance of vaccines

- Residents were among 1st fully vaccinated plus receive booster
- Most provinces introduced a vaccine mandate for staff or all
- Ontario and Quebec backed down from vaccine mandates – concern over staffing shortages

Reform

The devastating impact of COVID-19 on LTC lead to calls for reform.

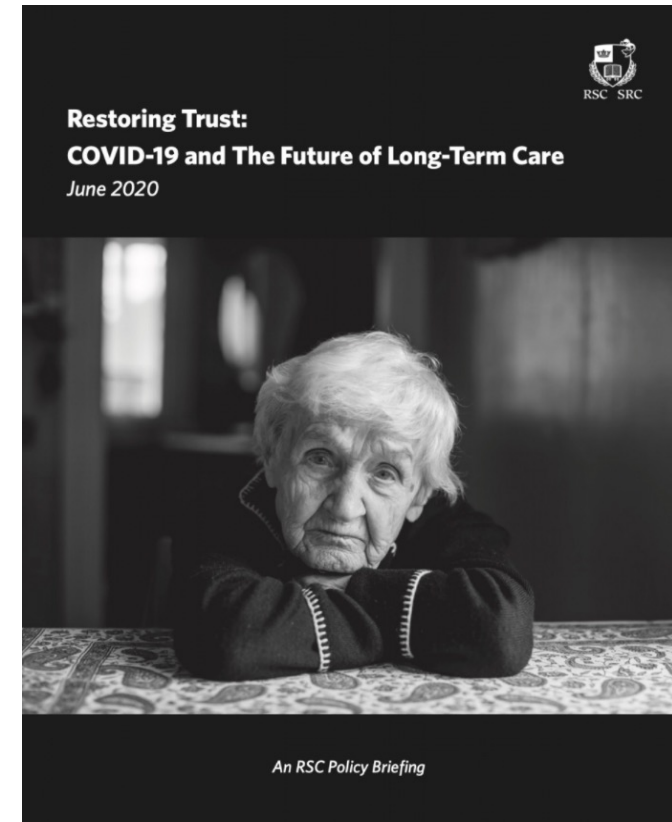
This began as Restoring Trust Report in June 2020 and led to a focus on standards:

National Standards for Long-Term Care

- Promote resident-centred care and balance safety with quality of life for residents
- Recognize the value of designated support persons and staff

**National Long-Term Care
Services Standard**

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