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The strong, credible voice leading the nursing profession to influence and promote healthy public policy, and clinical excellence

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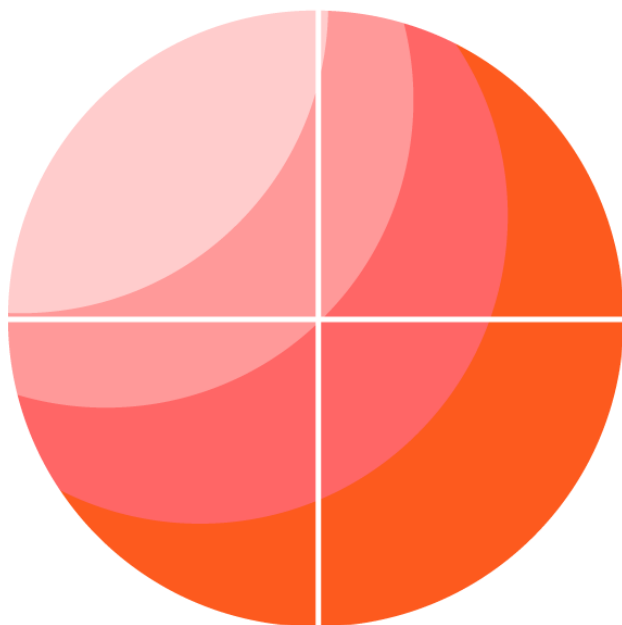


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Speaking out for nursing. Speaking out for health.

Nursing Week, 2020



COVID-19

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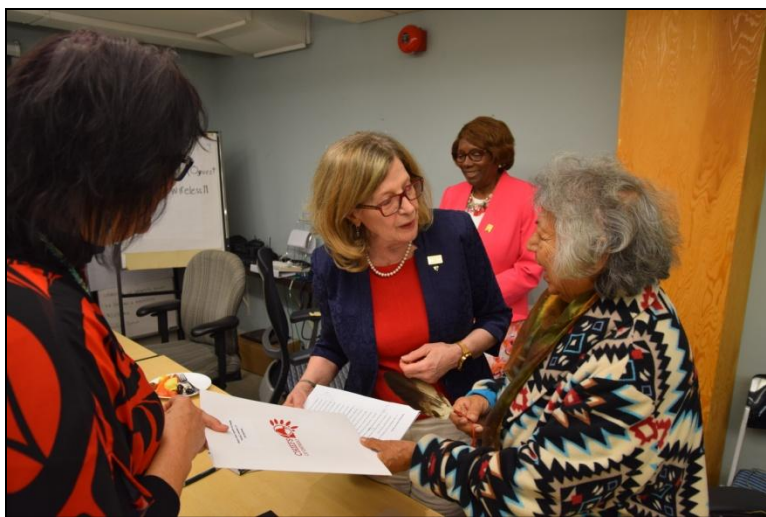
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Chiefs of Ontario and RNAO: Letter of Partnership



RNAO's Leadership in Pandemic Planning & Preparedness

Work with Government:

- Advocates for a proactive and evidence-based response
 - Ministry of Health
 - Chief Medical Officer
 - Emergency Operations Centre
- Participates in 9:00 am daily calls with government and health leaders
- Member of Collaboration Table & Government Media Table
- 17 urgent recommendations for government developed by RNAO and its partners

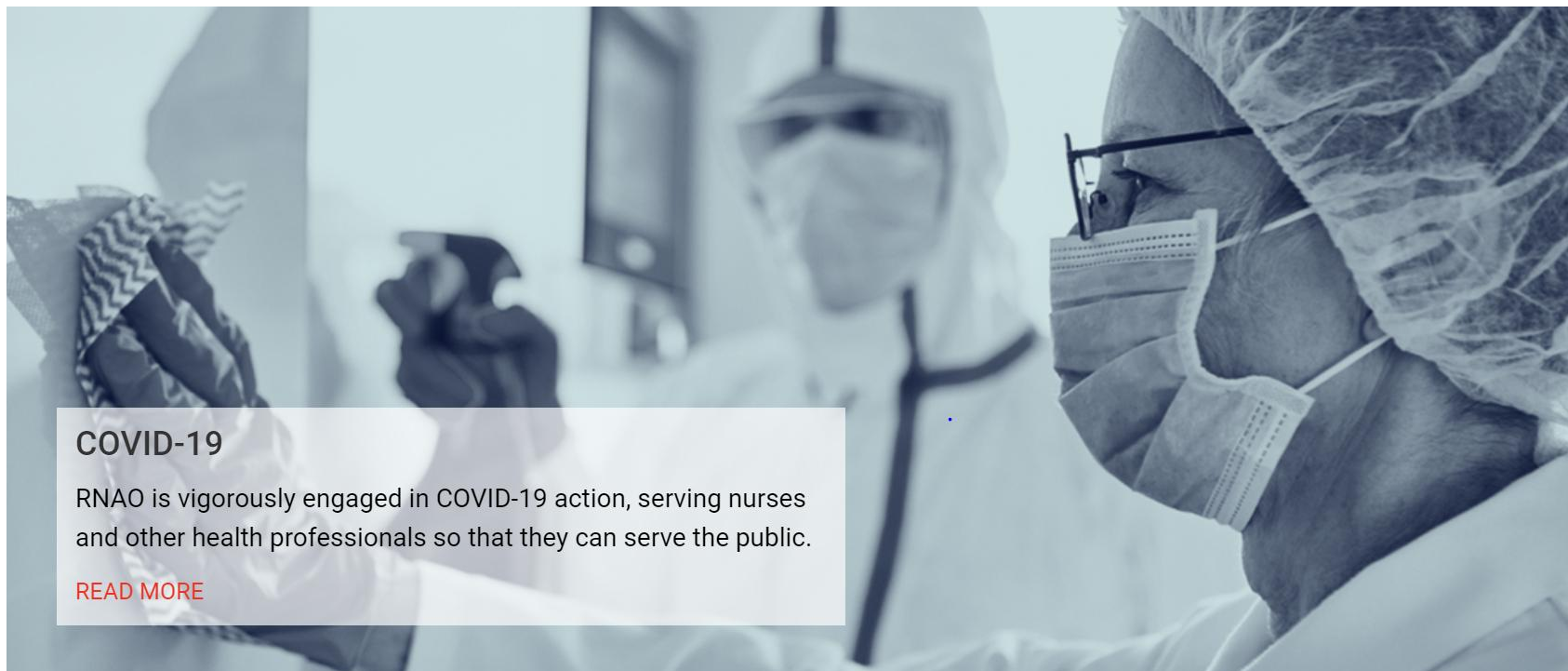
RNAO Media Engagement



- 187 Media stories and interviews (May 13, 2020)
- ✓ Multiple Media Releases, Advisories, Press Conferences, Media Conferences Joint Messages

Daily updates and Doris' Blog

Reaching 250,000 people in Ontario, Canada and around the world



COVID-19

RNAO is vigorously engaged in COVID-19 action, serving nurses and other health professionals so that they can serve the public.

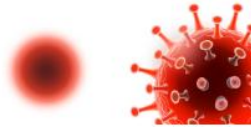
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Recent topics:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Ontario's Tragedy in Long Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes
- Partnership with COO and supporting First Nations
- COVID, Trump and the World Health Organization
- Nursing Students
- Guidance on use of N95 mask

New COVID-19 PORTAL <https://rnao.ca/covid19>

COVID-19 PORTAL



COVID-19 Portal

We are committed to supporting you during this difficult time of COVID-19 by ensuring you're staying informed and consulting credible resources. Please consult the various resources below to meet your needs.

COVID-19 Basic Resources and Guidance:

RNAO has taken decisive action since the start of our outbreak in updating our members and other health professionals, providing evidence-based information, as well as tools and resources to address this challenging situation. Visit this page for updates and resources on COVID-19.

[Read more](#)

COVID-19 Press Room:

RNAO has been actively engaged with the media since the onset of the pandemic. Please visit our Press Room for our media releases and advisories, media conferences, and media hits related to COVID-19.

[Read more](#)

COVID-19 Webinar: #TogetherWeCanDoIt:

RNAO's CEO, Doris Grinspun, is hosting free weekly COVID-19 webinars for health providers.

[Read more](#)

RNAO CEO's COVID-19 Blog:

RNAO's CEO, Doris Grinspun, sends daily email updates on COVID-19 to over 200,000 RNs, NPs, other health professionals and Best Practice Spotlight Organizations at home and abroad. Visit her blog for updates and additional information.

To access past daily updates, please visit the bottom of this [page](#).

[Read more](#)

COVID-19 VIANurse:

RNAO is ready to help you secure RNs, NPs and/or PSWs. VIANurse is powered by RNAO for the COVID-19 emergency and is free of charge. Secure your needs within hours.

[Read more](#)

COVID-19 Support for Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes:

RNAO is listening, anticipating and responding to the needs of the long-term care sector during this unprecedented time. The resources on this page are available to anyone who may find them helpful in the fight against COVID-19.

[Read more](#)

COVID-19 Daily Situational Reports:

Visit this page for the daily situational reports from Ontario's Ministry of Health Emergency Operations Centre.

[Read more](#)

COVID-19 #Cheer4HealthWorkers:

Since March 19, RNAO has been asking everyone to step outside at 7:30 p.m. local time to cheer on the millions of health providers, social service and other essential front-line workers in Ontario, Canada and around the world who are tackling COVID-19.

[Read more](#)

Mental Health and Well-Being: Resources for Psychosocial Support during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

Mental health and well-being is essential. To maintain the safety of the health-care workers and their families during this crisis, a list of recommended resources has been compiled for you in partnership with AdvantAge Ontario.

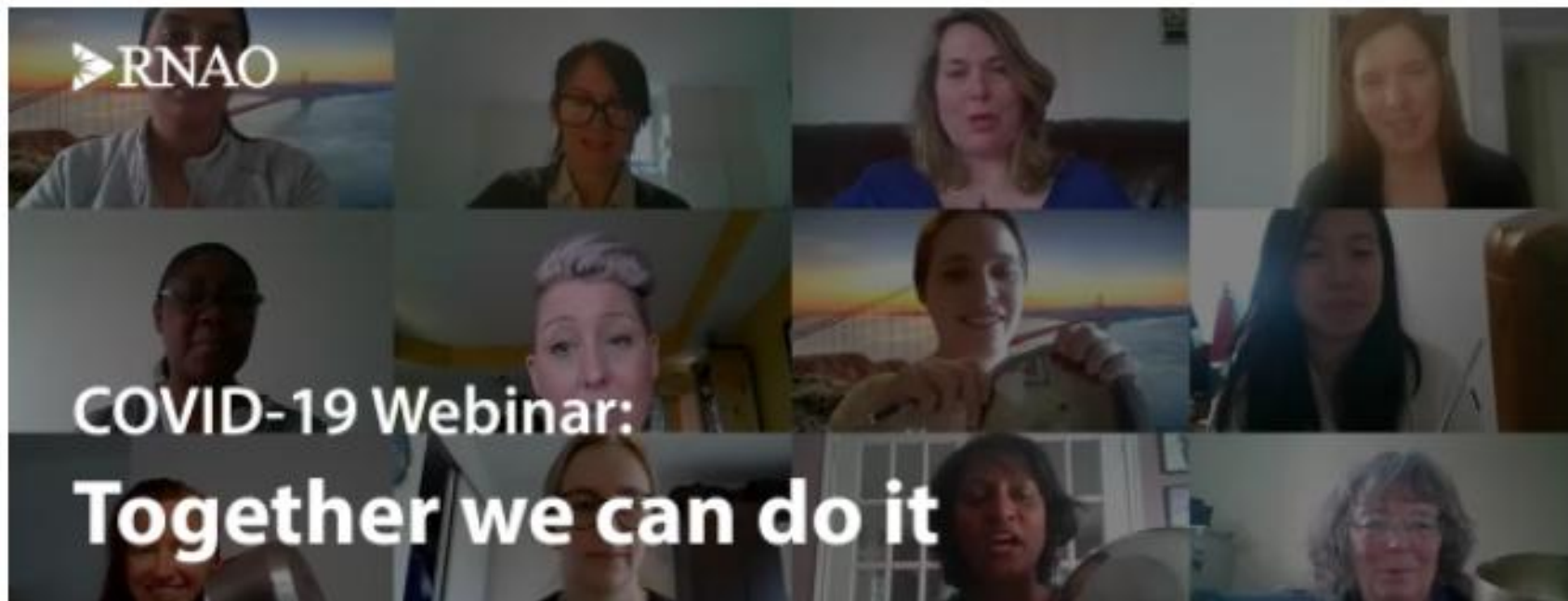
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Support for First Nations Communities:

This page provides key resources and supports available to address the needs of First Nations' persons and communities during this pandemic to prevent and/or delay the spread of COVID-19.

[Read more](#)

Participate in Weekly COVID-19 Webinars



Hosted by RNAO CEO Doris Grinspun
Monday evenings, from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. (ET)



Reminder: 3 Facebook Groups

RNAO LTC Support

Connecting Families

VIAFamilies

- Share stories and get support from others experiencing the profound impact social distancing



Sharing and Tackling Emerging Care Issues Together

Support for Health Workers

Sharing and Tackling

- Raise concerns about practice issues and to offer mutual support that promotes safe, high quality care



Peer-to-Peer Support During COVID-19

A Forum for Health Workers

Peer-to-Peer

- Share experiences, concerns and strategies you've found to build resilience and cope



Reminder: Access COVID-19 VIANurse Program

1024 Critical Care Nurses

287 Nurse Practitioners

7,366 RNs and NPs for virtual clinical care or non-clinical services

So far, **we have served 283 organizations** of which **215** are nursing and retirement homes

Nurses have been matched with multiple First Nations communities, health centres, nursing stations (FNIHB), LTC and public health units across Ontario

See: [**RNAO's VIANurse program**](#)

Speaking Out: Underserviced Areas & Vulnerable Populations

COVID-19 always discriminates, targeting the frail, the weak, the poor and the vulnerable many of whom are in underserviced areas.

RNAO is speaking out and taking action:

- Long-Term Care and Residential homes
- People who experience homelessness
- People living in correctional facilities
- First Nations communities
- Migrant agricultural workers

Partnering to help shape a COVID-19 action plan for First Nations communities



1. Pre-outbreak testing and surveillance
2. Physical distancing for community, self-isolation and cohorting of cases
3. Robust case and contact tracing
4. Universal masking and personal protective equipment (PPE)
5. Health-human resource surge capacity

Through Partnerships Together We Can Do It

