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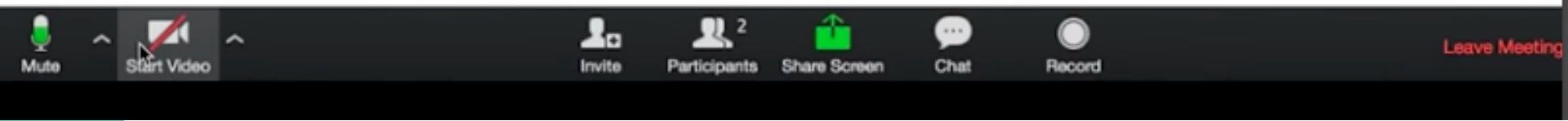
COVID-19 Webinars
Together We Can Do It!

Will begin at 6:45 pm using Zoom

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the VOICE for
registered nurses,
nurse practitioners
and nursing students
in Ontario

COVID-19 Webinars ***Together We Can Do It!***

Hosted by Dr. Doris Grinspun, CEO,
Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

Monday, April 20, 2020
6:45pm-8:00pm

About these webinars

- **Topics**
 - COVID-19 updates: Latest news and pressing issues
 - Guest speakers from the front lines (as available)
 - Questions & Answers
 - Call to action
- Recordings and slides will be posted on the RNAO COVID-19 Portal <https://rnao.ca/events/covid-19-webinar-together-we-can-do-it>

Today's Webinar Team



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**COVID-19 UPDATES: LATEST NEWS
PRESSING ISSUES, CALLS TO ACTION**


NEW: COVID-19 PORTAL

<https://rnao.ca/covid19>




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](#)



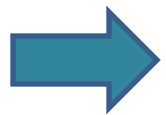
COVID-19 #Cheer4HealthWorkers:
Since March 19, RNAO has been asking everyone to step outside at 7:30 p.m. local time to cheer on the millions of health providers, social service and other essential front-line workers in Ontario, Canada and around the world who are tackling COVID-19.
[Read more](#)



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.
[Read more](#)

Coming Soon on the COVID-19 PORTAL

“Thank a Health Professional”



Email: Sandra Cheverie,
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Speaking Out: Vulnerable Populations

- The outbreak is affecting vulnerable populations, including seniors in long-term care and retirement homes, Indigenous peoples, persons who are experiencing homelessness, those who are incarcerated in provincial jails, and other congregated sites.

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.

[READ MORE](#)

Recent topics:

- COVID, Trump and the World Health Organization
- Plans for gradual re-opening of the economy
- Challenges in home care
- Ontario's Tragedy in Long Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes
- Nursing Students
- Guidance on use of N95 mask

RNAO Media Engagement



146 Media stories and interviews (April 17)

- ✓ Multiple Media Releases, Advisories, Press Conferences, Media Conferences Joint Messages



COVID-19 VIANurse

1012 Critical Care Nurses

280 Nurse Practitioners

7,239 RNs and NPs for virtual clinical care or non-clinical services

418 Seniors and residential care organizations are on the registry

Access the program here:

<https://rnao.ca/covid19/vianurse>

VIANurse & Ottawa Public Health



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April 17, 2020

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Re: Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario exceptional support during the COVID-19 response

Dear Dr. Grinspun,

As the Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Health Promotion for Ottawa Public Health (OPH), I am writing to convey our sincere appreciation for the exceptional support of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) during the COVID-19 response.

During this challenging time with the COVID-19 pandemic, the RNAO was able to take prompt action to support OPH to accelerate our efforts to build nursing capacity in the early days of the response. Through the partnership of the RNAO's VIANurse program, OPH was able to quickly enhance its capacity for triaging, test results, case management and contact tracing by an additional 100 nurses, so that service could be provided 7 days a week, without delay. The sudden surge in demand for nurses to support the people of Ottawa could not have been addressed without their support.

RNAO's work with the OPH highlights the importance of collaboration during this crisis and has been very relevant across the province. Within 72 hours of contacting the RNAO, OPH was onboarding RNAO nurses. As RNAO members, these nurses had the latest COVID-19 knowledge, tools and resources. In addition, they had already been confirmed to be in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario. RNAO's capacity to rapidly respond and their ongoing support continues to be a tremendous support during this critical time.

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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

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Questions	Resources
<p>Do we have a picture or chart of how long is the COVID on clothes, counter, plastic?</p>	<p>Health Canada resource re disinfectants and their effectiveness https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/disinfectants/covid-19.html</p> <p>WHO: https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-on-infection-prevention-and-control-for-health-care-workers-caring-for-patients-with-suspected-or-confirmed-2019-ncov</p>
<p>Redeployed nurses may have the required skills but electronic documentation may be very different... added challenges</p>	<p>CNO Practice Standards & Resources: Documentation https://www.cno.org/globalassets/docs/prac/41001_documentation.pdf</p> <p>CNO Practice Standard: Confidentiality & Privacy - Personal Health Information https://www.cno.org/globalassets/docs/prac/41069_privacy.pdf</p> <p>CNO Documentation Learning Module: https://www.cno.org/en/learn-about-standards-guidelines/educational-tools/learning-modules/documentation-2010/</p> <p>CNO webcast on Documentation https://www.cno.org/en/learn-about-standards-guidelines/educational-tools/webcasts/documentation-webcast/</p> <p>CNO webcast on Confidentiality & Privacy: https://www.cno.org/en/learn-about-standards-guidelines/educational-tools/webcasts/confidentiality-and-privacy/</p>

Issue	Question
Rapid tests	Why are we not using the rapid test except in remote areas ? Are the rapid tests more expensive or is it just a limited supply, as I know we have been sending the tests to the U.S.A.
PPE	My nursing home gave each registered staff two N95 masks and told us not to wear them except for swabbing. We only have “medical” masks and asked to take only one and wear it all 8 hours of our shift. We are not permitted to wear a cloth mask overtop of the “medical” mask. I don’t feel protected . What can I do?
One facility policy	Now, we are only allowed to work in one facility. As a result, I lost over 40% of my income. I believe that there are a lot of nurses same as my situation. Can we apply for emergency support?
Internationally educated nurses as RPNs?	From a first-year student for in the Internationally Educated Nurses RN program: I have passed the CPNRE...unable to complete hours of placement Would I be eligible for an RPN general class or temporary license? Are there institutions willing to hire nurses like me?

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Let's cheer for health workers

Every night
@ 7:30 local time



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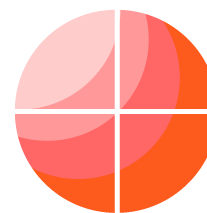
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Nursing Now Webinar: COVID-19: Speaking Out for Health, Speaking Out for Nursing

- Wednesday, April 22, 2020
- 11 am Toronto time
- Register through Nursing Now:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zO5uKc9sRRGGM_Yztjge-Lg



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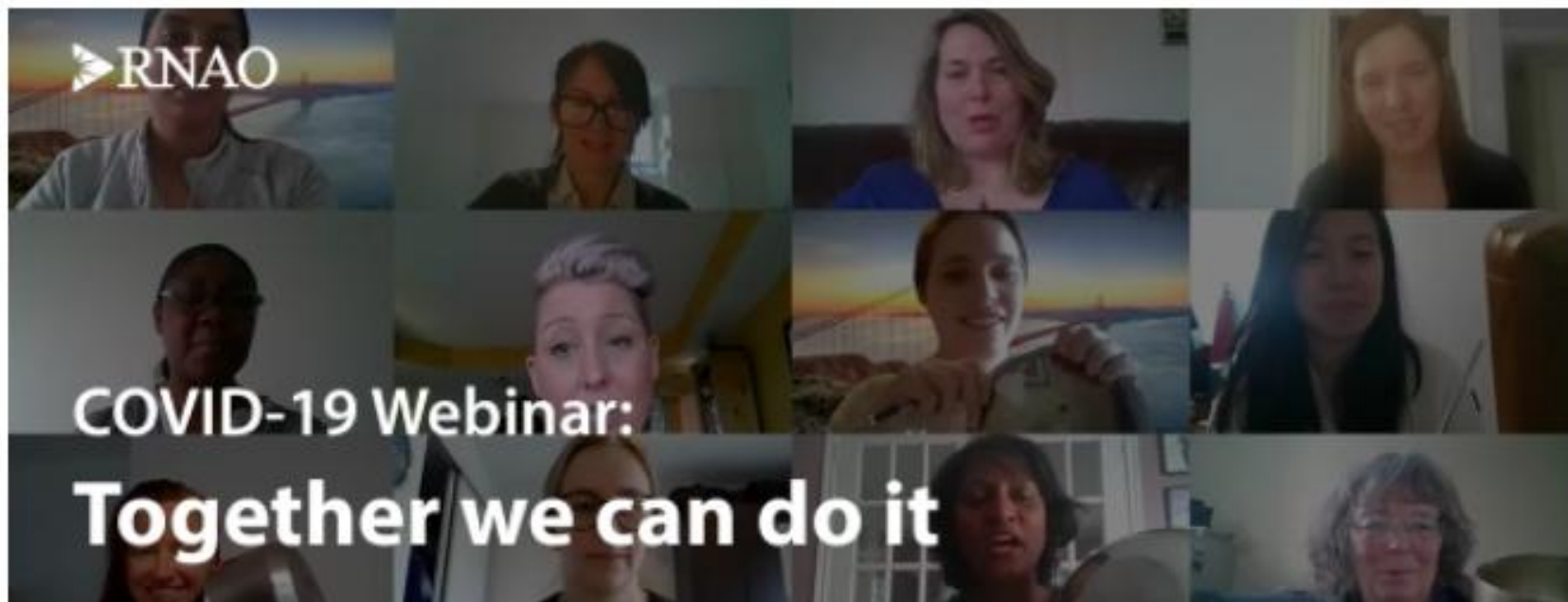
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Next Webinar: Monday, April 27

6:45pm (Toronto time)



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

