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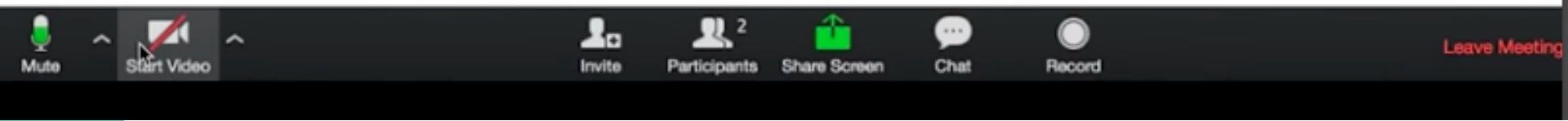
*COVID-19 Webinars*  
***Together We Can Do It!***

**Will begin at 6:45 pm using Zoom**

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registered nurses,  
nurse practitioners  
and nursing students  
in Ontario

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

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

Monday, April 13, 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

- Participation maximum: up to 1000

- Recordings will be posted: RNAO.ca

<https://rnao.ca/news/information-2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19>

- Visit Doris' COVID-19 Blog for answers to many FAQ: <https://myrnao.ca/doris-blog>

# Today's Webinar Team



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

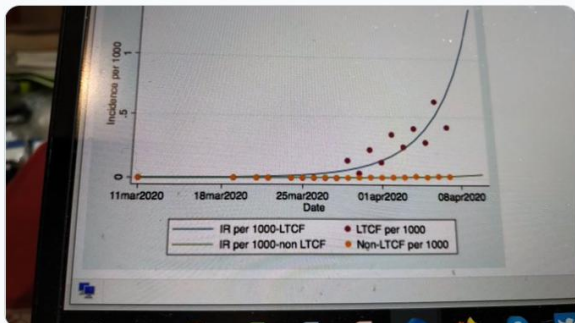
# RNAO Advocacy for Nursing Homes and Residential Care

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- Universal masking for all staff facing patients
- Pre-outbreak testing and surveillance
- Robust case and contact tracing
- Self-isolation of suspect and confirmed cases
- Workers should work with one facility full-time rather than work with multiple employers

 Doris Grinspun RN, PhD LLD(hon),Dr(hc), FAAN,O.ONT Retweeted  
**Doris Grinspun RN, PhD LLD(hon),Dr(hc), FAAN,O.ONT** @... · Apr 11  
Replying to @NathanStall @DrSamirSinha and 4 others  
And the hundreds of residents in Ontario's #NursingHomes and #retirementhomes as only a small portion have been tested, thus we have uncouncted the many more lives lost They, and their families deserve better!  
See @RNAO urgent call to action: [myrnao.ca/civicism/maillin...](http://myrnao.ca/civicism/maillin...)

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**Samir Sinha** @DrSamirSinha · 6h  
1000 CARE HOMES IN CANADA ARE NOW REPORTING OUTBREAKS. We should NOT abandon this sector and its residents. MY #IRONRING = 1 Restrict Non-Essential Visits; 2 Enable Staff to Work at ONE Home; 2 Mask ALL Staff; 4 Test and Isolate NOT Just the Symptomatic



Support, don't abandon, long-term care during the COVID-19 crisis  
When individuals are removed from a skilled facility to be cared for in another environment without supports, these frail seniors will end up ...  
[thestar.com](http://thestar.com)

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# RNAO Supports for Nursing Homes and Residential care

- VIANurse: Addressing HR needs
- NP supports: KE webinars
- Protocols and resources
  - Isolating residents
  - Palliative care
  - Mental Health
- VIA Families: Facebook group for families and friends

# Protect Shelters, Corrections, Indigenous Communities



**Doris Grinspun RN, PhD LLD(hon),Dr(hc), FAAN,O.ONT** @Dori... · 3h

Replying to @DFisman @CBCQueensPark and 3 others

RE LTC, Retirement Homes, Shelters, Corrections, indigenous communities:

1. Universal masking for all staff facing patients
2. Pre-outbreak testing for clinical + surveillance
3. Robust case/contact tracing COVV+
4. Self-isolation of S&C
5. Workers allocated to ONE facility FT



Michael Tibollo and 9 others

# RNAO Advocacy:

## 17 Urgent steps for Government



CathyCrowe @cathyacrowe · Apr 4

Toronto needs to find apartment or hotel spaces for homeless people.  
[chnng.it/drvnngLd](https://chnng.it/drvnngLd) via @CdnChange



Toronto needs to find apartment or hotel spaces for homeless people.  
This is what Toronto has done to date: "Overflow shelters are not comfortable. Most of these environments have cots, which are typically ...  
[change.org](https://change.org)

- Read more here:  
<https://myrnao.ca/article/urgent-steps-government-take-rnaos-policy-recommendations>

# RNAO Media Engagement



137 Media Hits

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

# RNAO Actions: RNAO VIANurse program

**999** Critical Care Nurses ready to serve: Emergency Rooms, Recovery Rooms, ICUs, Step Down Units

**272** Nurse Practitioners willing and available

**7,117** RNs and NPs for ready to provide virtual clinical care or non-clinical services

**390** seniors and residential care organizations receiving support from nursing students being deployed as Personal Support Workers to

**\*\*\*\*\*ACCESS THIS TALENT NOW\*\*\*\*\***

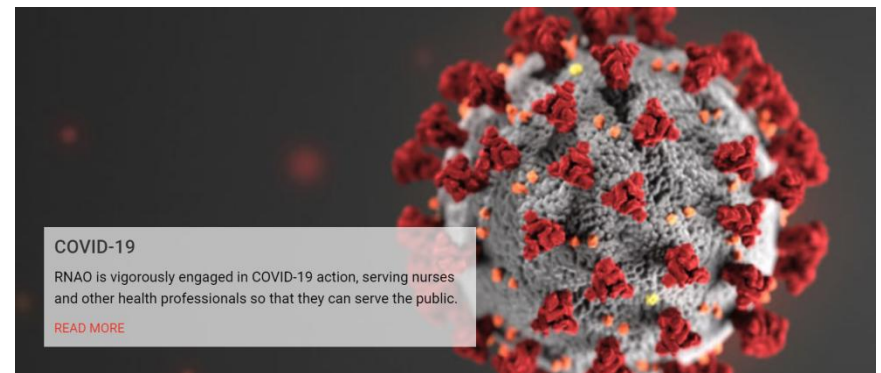
<https://myrnao.ca/article/rnao%E2%80%99s-vianurse-program>

# Daily updates and Doris' Blog:

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

## Recent Topics, Doris' Blog:

- Ontario's Tragedy in Long Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes
- RNAO Action Supporting Long-Term Care
- Nursing Students – NCLEX Exam, temporary licenses, completing placements
- Guidance on use of N95 mask
- Sentinel surveillance and on-site testing in the **homeless** service sector
- Reprocessing of n95
- Testing and case definition
- Critical care beds
- Domestic violence



<https://doris-blog.rnao.ca/>

# Practical tips for safe use of masks

Dr. Jeff Powis, Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Control, Michael Garron Hospital

- Avoid contamination: Put your mask on when you arrive and don't take it off. Don't fiddle with your mask
  - Advice for staff who wear hijab or headscarf
  - Do a Point-of-Care Risk Assessment to determine the need for N95 mask
  - Focus on PERFECTION when doffing
  - Video on using a Tupperware/plastic container for N95
  - Use a face shield versus goggles
  - Be mindful about doffing when tired
- See Doris' Blog for more information on Masks



# 3 Facebook Groups



## Peer-to-Peer Support During COVID-19

Private group

5 members

The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) knows many of you are facin...



## Sharing and Tackling Emerging Care Issues Together

Private group

1 member

The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) is aware of unprecedented c...



## RNAO LTC Support: Connecting Families

Private group

104 members

This group is for family and friends who have loved ones in Ontario long-term care h...



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# **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

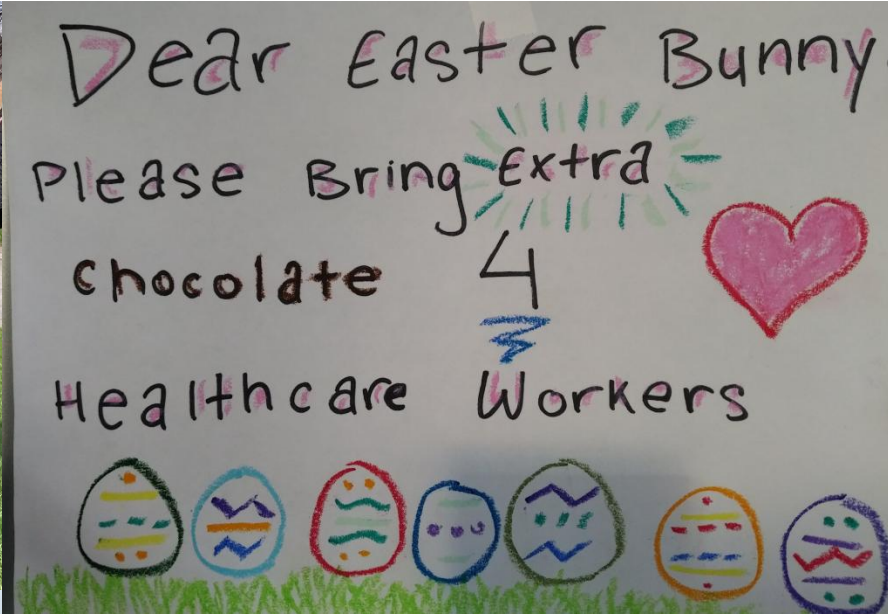
Issue	Question
Palliative care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•What are the plans for palliative/ hospice care support with the anticipation of many deaths? Many will not want life support and would rather stay at home and be comfortable rather than at hospital away from all their loved ones.</li> </ul>
Mental health supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Are more regulated providers required to meet mental health needs (e.g., virtual counseling)?</li> </ul>
Ontario Clinical Triage Protocol for Major Surge in COVID Pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•If we as ICU RNs start giving palliative sedation to patients who have been triaged out of mechanical ventilation during a surge through the use of this protocol, are we 'covered' somehow by relevant law, or could we find ourselves charged later as accessories in murder?</li> </ul>
ICU nurse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Should we not be wearing masks at all times? Currently in ICU we are not wearing masks unless in an isolation room.</li> </ul>
Collaborations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•What joint efforts are we involved in with CNA?</li> </ul>
Accommodations for staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Any plans to provide free accommodation for healthcare workers working the frontlines?</li> <li>•What advice do you have for nurses who are pregnant or have underlying health conditions?</li> <li>•Could front line staff have dedicated time to get groceries and avoid standing in lines after working long exhausting weeks?</li> </ul>

# Trusted Sources

- [Ontario.ca](http://Ontario.ca) (Provincial)
- [Public Health Ontario](http://PublicHealthOntario.ca) (Provincial)
- [Health Canada](http://HealthCanada.ca) (Federal)
- [World Health Organization](http://WorldHealthOrganization.org) (Global)
- [John Hopkins University](http://JohnHopkinsUniversity.edu) CCSE
- RNAO.ca [updates](#)

# Solidarity

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# Together We Can Do It



**Let's cheer  
for health  
workers**

Every night  
@ 7:30 local time



**#TogetherWeCanDoIt  
#Cheer4HealthWorkers**

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# Webinar: Legal issues in nursing practice related to COVID-19

Speakers: LAP lawyer Jane Letton and LAP Administrator Mara Haase

- Rights and obligations under employment law
- Professional standards and accountabilities
- Issues related to telepractice/virtual care
- Information for nurses in unionized positions

**April 14** from 5:30-7:30pm

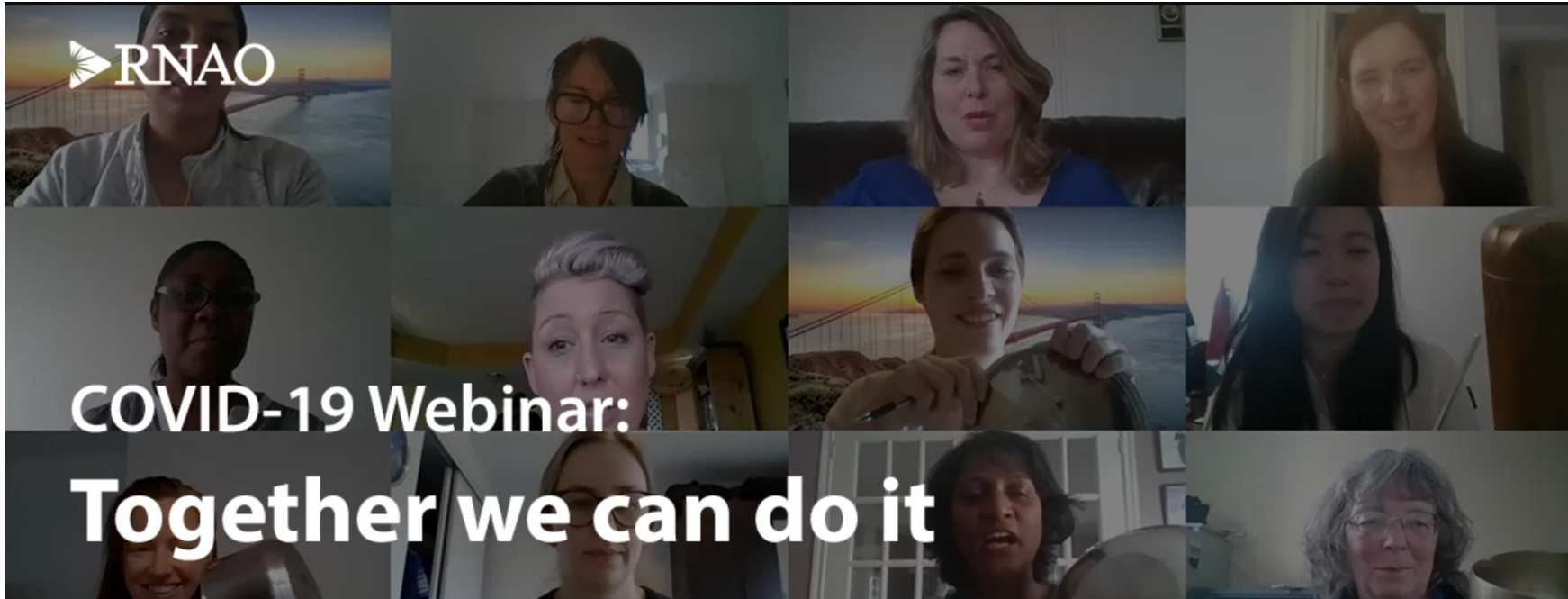
**April 17, 2020** from 1-3pm.

See [RNAO.ca](http://RNAO.ca) events page to register



# Next Webinar: Monday, April 20 6:45pm (Toronto time)

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