



Happy Nursing Week 2021

A message from Michael Sandler, NNPBC Executive Director

On behalf of the staff team at NNPBC, I want to wish all of BC's nurses a Happy Nursing Week!

This year we celebrate with the theme "We Answer the Call." This theme highlights the fact that nurses are there when they are needed for patients, clients and communities, no matter the circumstance. In BC right now nurses continue to grapple with the dual public health emergencies of COVID-19 and the overdose crisis that are tearing at the fabric of our communities. Throughout this past year, nurses have demonstrated leadership in understanding the importance of following public health protocols, keeping our friends and families secure, and of working tirelessly to keep our most vulnerable and marginalized populations safe. For those of us who have experienced the challenges of COVID-19 firsthand, nurses have been there by our side the whole time, to assist, to assuage and to help us heal. Nurses show up each day to provide non-judgmental and holistic care that meets people "where they are at."

I am so honoured to be a part of this amazing community of nurses in BC. Your hard work and dedication to providing safe, ethical care has never wavered, despite the challenges that you have faced. Many nurses are operating under conditions of exhaustion, grief and increasing moral distress. Nursing is emotionally and intellectually complex and demands a lot from us every day, but despite this we continue to show up for patients, families, clients, and communities.

So, during nursing week, while we reflect on what it means to "answer the call" let's take this special opportunity to give back to our friends and colleagues and thank them and ourselves for a job well done. Stand up and feel the gratitude – you deserve it.

Happy Nursing Week! Please be safe and remember to take care of yourselves.



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