

## Supporting NPs in LTC through COVID-19

Meeting #8- April 23, 2020

Agenda Items	Discussion Points
PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your facility is short on PPE, please let your regional PPE coordinators know: <a href="https://myrnao.ca/sites/default/files/attached_files/PPE%20Leads%20-%20April%205%2C%202020.pdf">https://myrnao.ca/sites/default/files/attached_files/PPE%20Leads%20-%20April%205%2C%202020.pdf</a></li> <li>• If you continue to experience issues, please let Doris know: <a href="mailto:dgrinspun@rnao.ca">dgrinspun@rnao.ca</a>.</li> </ul>
Testing + COVID-19 Outbreaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPs working in homes that have not yet seen a COVID-19 outbreak shared strategies for success: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-timely initiation of screening as per recommendations from MOHLTC</li> <li>-limiting traffic into and out of the house as much as possible</li> <li>-initiation of universal masking early on (before directive was released)</li> <li>-strong leadership to close units, recreational programs, and advising families to stop visiting as soon as any residents have symptoms</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Question re: NPs being asked to sign LTC doctor's telephone orders while they are not able to come into the home. Answer: Avoid signing the doctor's orders as NPs can order their own. RNs are typically the ones to sign telephone orders from a physician, which the physician will need to physically sign later when they return to the facility. Suggestion to do virtual rounds with the physicians weekly.</li> </ul>
Physically Distancing Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infection Prevention Protocol is live which may be of use. It is available on RNAO's website here: <a href="https://myrnao.ca/sites/default/files/attached_files/Considerations%20for%20Isolating%20Residents%20of%20LTC%20Covid%2019%20%28FINAL%29%20April%201%2C%202020.pdf">https://myrnao.ca/sites/default/files/attached_files/Considerations%20for%20Isolating%20Residents%20of%20LTC%20Covid%2019%20%28FINAL%29%20April%201%2C%202020.pdf</a></li> </ul>
Palliative and End of Life Care and Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palliative and End of Life Care Protocol is live, and available on RNAO's website here: <a href="https://myrnao.ca/sites/default/files/attached_files/Planning-for-Palliative-Care-During-the-COVID-19%20Pandemic-April%209%2C%202020.pdf">https://myrnao.ca/sites/default/files/attached_files/Planning-for-Palliative-Care-During-the-COVID-19%20Pandemic-April%209%2C%202020.pdf</a></li> </ul>
Staffing Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ViaNurse through RNAO continues to be available. It houses a list of RNs, NPs and nursing students (for PSW roles) that are ready to be deployed. Do not wait until your LTC home is short-staffed to begin recruiting extra help; please build surge capacity now by emailing <a href="mailto:hmconnell@RNAO.ca">hmconnell@RNAO.ca</a> and <a href="mailto:dlau@RNAO.ca">dlau@RNAO.ca</a> or accessing the following website: <a href="https://rnao.ca/news/information-2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19#VIANurse">https://rnao.ca/news/information-2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19#VIANurse</a></li> <li>• Mental Health/Wellbeing resources are live, and available on RNAO's website: <a href="https://myrnao.ca/sites/default/files/attached_files/MH%20and%20Well%20being%20Psychosocial%20supports%20during%20Covid%2019%20-%20April%209.pdf">https://myrnao.ca/sites/default/files/attached_files/MH%20and%20Well%20being%20Psychosocial%20supports%20during%20Covid%2019%20-%20April%209.pdf</a></li> </ul>
Future Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semi-weekly, every Monday and Thursday</li> <li>• 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm</li> <li>• Next meeting: Monday, April 27 @ 5:30 pm <i>*Please send us your questions in advance to <a href="mailto:kdieleman@rnao.ca">kdieleman@rnao.ca</a> or via the website question boxes.</i></li> </ul>