

## Supporting NPs in LTC through COVID-19

Meeting #11- May 4, 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>The following updated directives/ guidance documents were released on May 2, 2020: Provincial testing guidance; quick reference public health guidance on testing; patient screening guidance; reference document for COVID symptoms. All links can be found this NP forum website.</li> </ul>
Infection Prevention and Control	<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:hmccconnell@RNAO.ca">hmccconnell@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> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stephanie J: Discussed a standardized order set via ThinkResearch for LTC and RH that are free for use. This resource will be shared with RNAO for review.</li> <li>Pandemic pay- no NPs reported having received this pay as of yet. Some hospitals are still inquiring as per one member in the group. Some nursing homes have notified employees that they will receive the pay after the government advises their facility about this.</li> <li>RNAO is looking into plans re: allowing families to visit residents at LTC homes moving forward. This may mean outside and in a physically distanced manner. Stay tuned.</li> </ul>
Future Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly, on Monday or Thursday</li> <li>5:30 pm- 6:30 pm</li> <li>Next meeting: TBD</li> </ul> <p><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></p>