

## National Nurses Week Message

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On behalf of the Nunatsiavut Department of Health and Social Development, I would like to acknowledge all nurses during National Nursing Week (May 11-17). The theme for this year is **Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health**. We certainly recognize the leadership that each of you provide on a daily basis – your compassion, expertise and caring. The care that you provide certainly makes a difference in the lives of individuals of all ages in our communities.



We especially appreciate the extra pressure you face on a daily basis in the presence of COVID-19 and the potential risk to our vulnerable communities and yourselves as caregivers. We would also like to acknowledge the Community Health Aides and Home Support Workers who work by your side each day to ensure seamless-care delivery. These are challenging times and you and your team continue to show dedication to our communities in so many ways.

I hope that you and your team feel acknowledged and supported for all you do, that you will take the time to reflect on your accomplishments and celebrate in some small way during Nurses' Week. Nursing is not just a profession – it is a way of life and you demonstrate this on a daily basis.