



# National Nursing Week May 10-16, 2021

National Nursing Week provides an opportunity to recognize the incredible contribution of these health care professionals. The significance of their role in the health care system has been amplified by the pandemic. The week of May 10 to 16, is a special time to express gratitude for all that they do. This special section is a platform to acknowledge their dedication and important work. Jon in this community-wide thank you and salute our healthcare heroes.

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## Celebrating the contribution of

nurses

Nurses play a critical role in health care across Canada and the importance of their role has been amplified during the

COVID-19 pandemic. National Nursing Week celebrates the contribution of nurses during the second week of May, the same week as Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12. That contribution touches aspects of care including long term care, intensive care, public health care, and during the pandemic roles such as contact tracing, policy development and planning for care.

theme this year #WeAnswerTheCall and was developed by Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) to showcase the many roles that nurses play in a patient's health-care journey.

The pandemic brought to light the courage and commitment that nurses work under every day and showed the important role that nurses play in the community. This year, Johnson & Johnson, the world's largest and most broadly-based health-care company has sponsored

National Nursing Week to showcase its commitment to the well-being of Canada's health-care professionals'

states the appouncement of the week by the CNA. "This global COVID-19 pandemic has shown the world the important role that nurses play in keeping people healthy across the lifesnant

stated Annette Kennedv. International Council Nurses (ICN) president In 1971 ICN designated

May 12, the birthday of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, as International Nurses Day, In 1985, CNA members started to negotiate with the federal government to have the week containing May 12 proclaimed as National Nurses

Week annually Soon after the

federal minister of Organization declared 2020 the health\_nmclaimed International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, vet another recogni-

the second week of May as National Nurses Week, In 1993, the name was changed to National Nursing Week to emphasize the profession's accomplishments as a discipline, according to the Canadian Nurses Association website Last year the World Health

> tion of the vital role of those in the profession. The announcement was made prior to the WHO declaration

of the pandemic that has continued to challenge nurses and other frontline health workers for more than a year.



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### Simple wavs to thank local nurses

Nurses have long been unsung heroes of the medical community. But that tide began to turn in 2020 as the world confronted the COVID-19 pandemic and realized just how invaluable nurses are to public health

According to the American Nurses Association nearly 400 nurses in the United States died as a result of COVID-19 within eight months of a pandemic being declared in America, Globally, data from the International Council of Nurses indicated that roughly 1,500 nurses lost their lives to COVID-19 by the end of October

That data is sobering and serves as a reminder that nurses out their lives on the line each day they go to work. Such sacrifices are worthy of widespread support, and there are many ways ordinary citizens can thank nurses working in their communities.

· Support efforts to protect nurses. The public can do its part by urging local lawmakers to support legislation that increases domestic production of PPE so the brave men and women in the nursing profession can feel safe when doing their

· Give nurses and their families a night off from cooking Long shifts in stressful situations have

taken a toll on nurses and their families Neighbours can pitch in by offering to cook and deliver meals or pay for takeout for nurses and their families. This simple gesture can provide a much-needed break for nurses and their spouses who have been stretched thin during the pan-



demic and it's a great way to remind nurses their heroic efforts are not going

· Help out with chores, Before going to the grocery store, text or call a friend or neighbour in the nursing field to see if he or she needs anything from the store. If nurses shop online for their groceries. arrange to pick them up so nurses can spend more time relaxing at home with their families During warm weather seasons offer to mow the lawn or help with leaf nickup. Offer discounts to nurs-

es in your community. Local business owners can do their part by offering discounts to nurses and other health care professionals in their communities. A 10 per cent discount on a restaurant bill or a nursing discount on a fresh bouquet of flowers can lift nurses' spirits and reassure them that their communities are behind

Nurses have made immeasurable sacrifices throughout the pandemic Communities can come together in various and often simple ways to show nurses just how much those sacrifices are appreciated, (MCC)



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