

Dear Member,

This message is to simply say, we hear you, we are advocating for you and Thank You.

The critical importance of registered nurses and nurse practitioners in our healthcare system has never been brought so clearly into focus as it has during these past few weeks by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Considering the seriousness and potential scope of this pandemic, I cannot thank you enough for your dedication, professionalism and knowledge during this unprecedented, extraordinary time.

Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners make it look routine, going to the frontlines every day to provide expert care to those in need, but we recognize this is an extremely stressful, and potentially frightening time right now. After all, many of you, in addition to being a nurse are first and foremost, parents, pet owners, someone's daughter or son, someone's caregiver. Yet at a time when New Brunswickers are being asked to stay home, you continue to go to work every day with the real risk of COVID-19.

As this pandemic continues to cause major disruptions across our province, country and world, I want to let you know that we continue our efforts to protect and advocate for your health and safety, and your rights at work. NBNU along with all other nurses' unions across the country, through CFNU, continue to advocate for the implementation of the precautionary principle and respect for our members' judgment when performing point of care risk assessments.

We continue to work diligently to ensure your safety, and the team at NBNU continues to have the best interest of RNs and NPs at the forefront. We are in this together and we will get through this together. Your safety is our priority.

In closing, I would ask that you stay informed through reliable sources. For the most up to date information, please continue to check our <u>COVID-19 Portal</u> which is updated daily. There, you will also be able to access information provided to NBNU by key stakeholders such as Horizon, Vitalité, EM/ANB, NBANH, CFNU, etc.

Take care of yourself and each other.

Stay Safe!

In Solidarity,

Paula Doucet

NBNU President