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Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

On behalf of the Government of Canada and all Canadians, I would like to commend Canadian nurses from coast-to-coast-to-coast for their vital work, and extend my best wishes for National Nursing Week, 2020.

Designated the “The Year of the Nurse and Midwife” by the World Health Organization, 2020 marks the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s birth. This is an opportunity to celebrate the history, work, and achievements of nurses and midwives around the world. At the same time, we must recognize the challenges they often face in their professions.



As we weather the COVID-19 pandemic, Canadian nurses have and continue to work tirelessly to safeguard the health and wellbeing of all people and communities in Canada. We have witnessed a great deal of change throughout the pandemic, touching every aspect of Canadian society and life. Yet, what has not changed, is the care, compassion, and strength of our nurses. Even in the most difficult of circumstances, Canadian nurses have maintained the full confidence of Canadians.

To nurses all across Canada, thank you. Your hard work and sacrifices – and those of your families – are truly appreciated.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable National Nursing Week, 2020!

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