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Beautiful Recognition Video for Member Nurses

National Nurses Week (May 6-12) did not go unnoticed by the team at **North Carolina Nurses Association** .

NCNA staff produced a video for Nurses Week this year and they enlisted the help of more than thirty notable North Carolinians including the Governor, NASCAR drivers, religious leaders, entertainers, sports coaches and players. All expressed their support and thanks for the nurses in the North Carolina community.



Dennis Taylor, President, North Carolina Nurses Association put it this way "Every year the President of the North Carolina Nurses Association (NCNA) writes a 'Happy Nurses Week' letter. It is normally a happy, celebratory message.

This year, under the specter of a global pandemic, National Nurses Week may not be quite as exuberant as usual, but its relevance seems to have grown exponentially. Never in my lifetime have I seen the public look to nurses the way they are right now."

This year, more than ever, we are aware of and highly value the role of nurses in keeping us safe and healthy. Thank you all!

[Click here to view the NCNA Nurses Week video on YouTube](#)

Returning to the office.

Our small staff is working from our homes these days instead of our Gaithersburg Maryland offices. In anticipation of re-opening the facility, building management shared the following COVID-19 guidelines. I thought I'd share to provide ideas and highlight some actions you may not have considered for keeping your workplace safe.

Tenants and Visitors:

- Install bathroom signage promoting effectiveness of handwashing
- Brief staff and service providers on our building's social distancing policies
- Install signage in public areas promoting safe distances to tenants and visitors

- Reschedule building maintenance to off hours

Janitorial Services

- Focus on cleaning and disinfecting high touch areas
- Place hand sanitizer stations in common areas with high touch surfaces like elevator buttons

Reducing touch points

- Provide automated faucets, soap dispensers, and towel dispensers where possible
- Prop open doors where security or safety are not at risk

Travel paths

- Limit capacity of elevator cabs
- Provide open access to stairwells
- Designate exterior doors for ingress and egress
- Follow CDC guidance on maximizing introduction of outdoor air

Employees

- Consider having staff alternate days at the office
- Develop social distancing and travel patterns within your workspace
- Consider staggering breaks to limit size of gatherings
- Consider 6' marking on floor as reminders of social distancing

Break rooms and conference areas

- Remove some tables to encourage social distancing
- Clean and disinfect refrigerator, microwave, coffee stations frequently
- Supply additional soap and towels in break rooms
- Have disinfectant wipes available

Workstations

- Do not share headsets, phones, keyboards, or mice
- Disinfect workstations frequently
- Consider installation of shields between work areas
- Consider new seating arrangement which would increase space between employees

Other News and Notes

The [Pet Industry Distributors Association](#) just launched their [Power of 'D' web site](#) which promotes partnerships between distributors, suppliers, and retailers.

[Washington Area Council of Engineering Laboratories](#) (WACEL) which develops and implements technician certification programs just launched their on-demand certification process built on PODI's education module. The need for this capability became apparent as COVID-19 emerged. Building on a strong partnership between WACEL and PODI, the new process was defined, developed, and launched in a matter of weeks. New students began taking the online tests this week! Much more on this in our next newsletter.

The [Pool and Hot Tub Association](#) launched their [National Water Safety Month site](#) highlighting May as National Water Safety Month. Checkout their safety tips and resources before heading to the pool!

Thanks for reading!

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