Dear dedicated and brave nursing professionals:

We are reaching out on behalf of the Arizona Nurses Association (AzNA) to let you know we are thinking about you, support you, and stand with you during this exceptionally challenging time.

The world is experiencing a historic public health crisis and nurses are stepping forward to do what they do best: care for patients and save lives. Many will never fully comprehend the level of hard work, selflessness, and sacrifice it takes to do what you do on a daily basis – let alone during a global pandemic. While none of us are in this for glory and attention, it is clear more Americans and Arizonans are recognizing every day that nurses like you are the beating heart of our healthcare system.

Our message to you is simple: keep doing what you do every day while being vigilant about your own health and safety. Your patients will always come first, but their health and well-being ultimately depends on yours. Take care of yourselves. Stay as well-rested as possible. Wash your hands a little bit longer. Eat healthier. Of course, follow all state and federal guidelines when caring for potential and confirmed COVID-19 patients.

As we all know, the PPE situation is problematic. Though there is a massive public-private effort underway to secure additional protective equipment, the Arizona Department of Health Services acknowledges the “current expectations for re-supply are low.” AzNA will continue to advocate for appropriate PPE usage guidelines so that Arizona nurses are able to do their jobs safely and effectively.

Thank you for all you do – and for making us proud.

Stay well,

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