NOVA Resources: COVID-19 & Nurses Week
As COVID-19 reaches all corners of America, the nation is recognizing a different kind hero in a different kind of war: America's healthcare workers.

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Marriott Community Caregiver Rate
This will provide health care and relief professionals, and those supporting them, a place to stay in close proximity to hospitals and government buildings as they aid in COVID-19 response efforts.

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COVID-19 Resources
In response to member requests for information about how NOVA is helping to advocate for nurses and to assist with keeping up with ever-evolving changes to policies and information during the COVID-19 crisis, NOVA has created a new resource page for members only.

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Advocacy During the Pandemic
Now is a critical time to let them know that you are on the front-lines saving lives during the COVID-19 Pandemic. You can be a resource to them on issues of importance while building a relationship with the office!

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Kelly D. Skinner
Dear NOVA Members,
I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your bravery, compassion and resilience that you continue to demonstrate during the coronavirus global pandemic. Despite the fact that the presumptive and confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 keep climbing, the death toll is increasing, additional surges are expected, and there isn’t an effective antiviral therapy or safe vaccine at this point, your commitment to care for our Veterans is the priority.

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NOW EVENTS
National Nurses Week
Save the date: May 6-12, 2020! Nurses Week Toolkit is available to download now.

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Call for Poster Submissions!
Submission opens on April 22 and the deadline is May 29

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Call For NOVA Award Nominations
NOVA awards and honors individuals and/or groups who have made significant contributions to the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs, the nursing profession, the health care of Veterans, or in service to our country.

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NOVA Nurses Week T-Shirts Now Available!
NOVA nurses on the front-line of a world health crisis need your support now more than ever.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Member of the Month:
Nancy Claflin - DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CENP, CCRN-K, CPHQ, FNAHQ. Nancy received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree and Master of Science degree in nursing from Arizona State University, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Alabama.

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What's Going On With Chapter 362
NOVA Chapter 362 participated in the COVID-19 preparedness at the facility level. Many NOVA nurses helped with screening employees and Veterans. The nurses went the extra mile to ensure they were prepared for the COVID-19 pandemic for both the outpatient and inpatient settings.

Self-Care Daily Tips

Ellen Kaufman and Mary Costello are NOVA Members who work at the VA Boston Healthcare System. Ellen serves as the Restorative Care Coordinator and Mary is a RN Case Manager in Primary Care. They are also the Co-Chairs of the Holistic Committee and are board certified Holistic Nurses.

VA Seeking Retired Clinicians and Federal Healthcare Providers

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking retired VA clinicians and Federal health care providers. WE NEED YOU! Please consider re-employment with VA to help in the battle against the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

NOVA's Mentoring Program

The practice of mentoring in nursing began with the development of the nursing profession. Florence Nightingale was often referred to as the mentor of matrons, which is what nurses were called. Since that time, mentoring has been a key element in the development of nurses and the nursing profession.

Chapter 226 News

Despite these uncertain times, nurses at the VA Boston Healthcare System are continuing to join NOVA. They can start taking advantage of the numerous NOVA benefits: mentoring, continuing education webinars, tuition reductions, certification discounts, and advocacy opportunities such as being a strong voice on Capitol Hill. Welcome to NOVA!

2020 Legislative Priority Goals

NOVA's 26th Legislative Roundtable took place at the DAV Headquarters in Washington, DC on March 6, 2020. Participants were welcomed by the Disabled American Veterans’ Assistant National Legislative Director, Marquis Barefield, and NOVA President Kelly Skinner, DNP, APRN, NP-C, GNP-BC, CRRN, WCC, CFCN.
A Note from Teresa Morris

I write this from my home in Maryland as we are now on a continued stay at home order due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. I want to commend all of you – VA nurses and healthcare professionals – for what you do and are doing every day to take care of those in your care. It cannot be understated that you are all the Heroes and Warriors of this crisis.

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