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As leaders in health care, nurses have the knowledge and skills to empower the public to make choices about their health based on evidence and science. Within the profession itself, NNPBC recognizes that this pandemic has brought to the fore fears and uncertainties with many nurses working under conditions of exhaustion, grief for losses in their personal life as well as their professional life, and in many instances moral distress due to knowing what excellent care would look like and feeling unable to deliver it due to the overload. That noted, professional standards and nursing Code of Ethics form the basis for ensuring nurses understand these professional obligations.

NNPBC is aware of a small, vocal group who have planned a number events focusing on recent public health orders with respect to COVID-19. These rallies are led by a group of nurses who purport to speak on behalf of the profession. Let us be clear, they do not speak on behalf of the vast majority of nurses who hold their standards, ethics, evidence-based practice, and professionalism at the highest level. NNPBC does not endorse or support any group that leads these rallies.

These rallies spread false and mis-leading information about COVID-19 which are not based on science or evidence to date. Many of these rallies have been held near or on hospital sites creating a risk for patients and health care workers. There is of course a place for peaceful protest, but this does not include health care facilities, nor does it include intimidation of patients seeking care and the providers who are working at these sites. NNPBC neither supports nor condones these events and stands behind all of the health care workers who continue to provide exceptional care no matter the circumstances.

Nurses remain among the most trusted of professions. Holding the public trust is sacred in nursing and we have a responsibility to use this trust to share evidence and facts in the public sphere.

On behalf of the NNPBC Board of Directors

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