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Message from the CACCN Board of Directors

Dear Members

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve minute by minute, hour by hour and day by day. The Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses would like to share information regarding our operations for the foreseeable future.

National Office

- CACCN will remain open to serve our members, as needed.
- Christine Halfkenny-Zellas, our Chief Operating Officer works for CACCN from her home office daily.
- Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 0800 to 1600 hrs Eastern Time. The office is closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- We will continue to carry on as usual barring any further changes/directives by the Ontario Provincial and the Canadian Federal governments.

Chapter Events

- All national and chapter events planned in person, regardless of the number of attendees, should be postponed to a later date, cancelled and/or moved to an electronic/digital format until April 30, 2020, when the COVID-19 situation will be re-evaluated by the Board.
- We are asking all chapters to adhere to this guideline along with any guidelines introduced municipally, provincially and federally.

Board Meetings and Travel

- Although there are no domestic travel restrictions currently, Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and the Ontario Provincial Government have all urged Canadians to avoid non-essential travel and to actively practice social distancing.

- The CACCN Board of Directors in person meeting scheduled in Ottawa, ON for the end of March 2020 has been cancelled as of March 16, 2020.
- Although this is a major meeting for the Board of Directors, we will continue to work electronically to fulfil the mission and vision of the Association.
- The Board felt it would be irresponsible for us to risk exposure to ourselves, our families, our colleagues and indeed the public should we disregard the guidelines set out by the above noted agencies.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for the work that you are doing, as we know a great number of our members are caring for patients with COVID-19, as well as other critically ill Canadians. As leaders in the critical care nursing community, our members need to be the calm, sensible, voice of reason in the chaos and follow the guidelines provided during this extraordinary public health situation

Sincerely



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