

# THE VALUABLE ROLES OF SCHOOL NURSES DURING COVID-19

School nurses are the eyes and ears of public health and primary care. The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) conducted a survey in April 2020 to learn what key activities school nurses were providing during the COVID-19 crisis. School nurses (N=4788) from all 50 states and the District of Columbia participated. The majority (60.7%) of school nurses were included in district discussions regarding COVID-19. Here are some of the critical activities they did to support student health:



## STUDENT OUTREACH

**54%**

Outreach to students at risk



**32%**

Assisting with deliveries to students—such as medication and food

## HEALTH RESOURCE EXPERT

**48%**

Answering phone calls from parents and community

**44%**

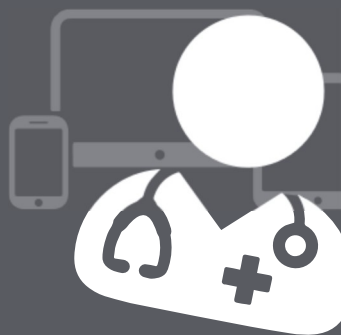
Virtual office hours

**18%**

Virtual support groups

**17%**

Screening of staff or others coming to school



## EDUCATION

**45%**

Educating staff on COVID-19, infection control measures

**35%**

Disseminating updates from local health departments

**30%**

Classes/videos on COVID

**25%**

Teaching and providing staff self-care

**20%**

Educating community on COVID-19



## CHRONIC CONDITION MANAGEMENT