



National Association of Hispanic Nurses Places Focus on Facts and Preparedness in Response to COVID-19

Celebrating the culture, caring and spirit of Hispanic Nurses who are the leading voice of health in our communities

Raleigh, NC (March 6, 2020) – The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN), the voice of Hispanic nurses in the United States, has been closely monitoring the 2019 novel coronavirus, now named “SARS-CoV-2”. The disease it causes is known as COVID-19. A collective, coordinated, and comprehensive approach that engages government, employer, and public support will be critical to contain the trajectory of this virus.

NAHN recommends that members of the public continue to practice good hand hygiene and follow [CDC recommendations](#) on everyday preventative actions. Concern, and even fear, are normal reactions among the public. That worry can be managed with accurate information. NAHN urges members of the public to stay safe, smart, and informed. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently launched a social media campaign called “[Be Ready for COVID-19](#)” that provides advice on how to protect ourselves and others.

NAHN supports the practice of training healthcare professionals in early identification and notification. Nurses must receive the highest level of protection to provide care for the individuals and communities in which they serve. Aggressive preparedness plans along with control processes will help prevent spread within a facility. NAHN applauds the nurses and healthcare professionals around the world that continue to provide careful and compassionate care, especially for vulnerable populations.

About NAHN:

The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) is a nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) IRS Status whose mission is to advance the health in Hispanic communities and to lead, promote and advocate the educational, professional, and leadership opportunities for Hispanic nurses. NAHN, founded in 1975, represents the 180,000 Hispanic nurses (RNs/LPNs) in the US and is the only nursing organization for Hispanic nurses. NAHN currently has over 2000 members with 47 chapters in 24 states. The organization focuses on community-based interventions working at the grass roots level to impact health care of Hispanics.

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