

School Nurses have a role of protecting their school community such as students, families and staff by giving them the facts and resources about COVID 19. School nurses work tirelessly to get the community the information that is needed to keep the community safe. During this pandemic school nurses are maintaining the students' needs by learning new ways to engaging students in maintaining their health when schools were closed. They were able to give students their medications so that they would have enough medication while at home. The school nurses made home calls to check on students with known health conditions to make sure that they had the resources they need to maintain healthy, some nurse work with the school's service partners to help with student's nutrition needs. The school nurses faced several challenges, they were called to service in the larger communities, they are in the front lines working at hospitals where they are needed, helping others in need, some nurses were staffing drive through COVID site, they are risking themselves and their families by making the decision to work on the front line. Another challenge they faced was with funding, school nurses needed funds to conduct infectious disease surveillance, identification, and intervention for student physical and mental health concerns, health screenings, school-located vaccinations, and immunization compliance efforts. The nurses are responsible for making sure the students are safe and healthy, they need these resources in order to have the supplies that are needed for the students when they return to school. Many schools rely on the nurses expertise to help navigate during this crisis the nurses are working longer hours just to meet the needs of the school communities, they have to manage working and at home responsibilities of their own having to help with their own children with virtual learning at home, having to balance work and home. Reading these articles made me realize that school nurses have a huge role in the schools and the communities, they contribute and put in a lot of work in order to keep the community healthy and safe, I am very appreciated for all their hard work. Still today they must continue to provide these resources in the future because COVID 19 is still present. And I like to end by stating a quote that one nurse said "WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER"

