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School Nursing During COVID-19

I can only imagine the challenges school nurses are facing all across the globe. Both of the articles gave insight into the challenges school-age children are facing and what the school nurses are trying to do to help. COVID-19 was something we had very limited information about in the beginning.

Many schools have reopened, but there are still some places that are strictly virtual. I can only imagine how hard it is for these children, especially those in poverty or who do not have a parent able to stay home and help facilitate their learning. One of the articles talked about how a school nurse was making calls to families that had children with chronic conditions, and she was making sure they had everything they needed in order to keep managing their child's illness. Another nurse scheduled a medication pick-up time; that way, if she held a prescription that the child needed at school, it could be returned to the family during quarantine so the child would not run out of medication.

As nurses, we are critical thinkers who follow the evidence-based practice. The evidence shows how much children need that peer interaction and hands-on learning. I imagine school nurses everywhere are trying to do all they can to get their children back into the classroom in a safe way. It is essential for the school nurse to provide recourses and education to teachers, families, and students to facilitate in-person learning and not to stay safe and healthy. Research shows children are the least affected by the virus, but it's important to keep the adults in the

school system safe as well. The school nurse plays a vital role in keeping their school and community safe and healthy as we get passes this pandemic.