



College of Emergency Nursing New Zealand CENNZ-NZNO

Letter from the Chair

24/3/20

Planning for the next stages

The College is working to develop some additional resources which we help will prove useful for staff in the coming weeks. If you go the CENNZ-NZNO web page, you will see a new topic on the right hand side, under the heading 'Latest' in the blue banner. The topic is Covid-19 updates, and clicking on this link will take you to a section where we will place additional materials that we think will be useful, or which will keep you informed. We will be posting links to some short podcast type presentations from CENNZ members or which we think might be relevant to the current situation, together with other documents from CENNZ or information shared from EDs within NZ.

We continue to support the emergency nurses of NZ.

- As the situation has changed, we have had to cancel the next three triage courses at this point. Those who have already enrolled are offered the opportunity to carry this forward to another course or to have the course fee refunded.
- We are asking that members of the college share their experiences – we are putting together short podcasts, offering insights, messages of support, or examples from our practice response to the Covid-19 situation as it develops. You don't need to be a YouTube star – we all have something to share. We will post these to the website and to the CENNZ Facebook page. If you think you have something you would like to share, please contact either myself at cennzchair@gmail.com or Katie Smith at: cennztriage@gmail.com and we will help you put this together
- We will include triage snippets, advice, and discussion on how to maintain standards, documentation and wellness amongst other issues
- If there are issues you are particularly concerned with, be in touch either with the College or NZNO and we will do our best to find answers where we can, or at least raise the questions and offer further perspectives

Once again, this is a time to look out for each other. Think about your own and your families' well-being. Consider which of your colleagues may have conditions or be in situations which potentially place them at greater than average risk. What plans have been developed to identify those staff, and what roles might be possible that limit their direct exposure? He have capacity currently to manage, and while we do, we need to plan for when this might change.

Be mindful, look for ways to offer kindness within the workplace, and to keep smiling. And remember, there is more than enough toilet paper to go around!!

Sandy