

March 27, 2020

Ms. Heather Smith  
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United Nurses of Alberta  
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Dear Ms. Smith:

I would like to personally extend my thanks to you and your teams for the collaborative effort that has culminated in the **Joint Statement on COVID 19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**.

The last three weeks have placed enormous pressure on all of us, and the fact that we can work together to co-create a guidance document for these difficult times is a testament to the commitment that we all have not only for our staff and teams but also in caring for Albertans. I very much appreciated both sides setting aside our differences and working towards a common path forward.

So on behalf of myself and Alberta Health Services, thank you for your leadership and direction in contributing to this important milestone, and for your ongoing dedication to the health and safety of health care workers in Alberta. It is truly appreciated.

Please stay well yourself and take good care.

Sincerely,



Verna Yiu, MD, FRCPC  
President and Chief Executive Officer