



PAHO Director calls for protection of health workers in face of the advancing COVID19 pandemic in the region of the Americas

Warning that cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) have doubled in a week in the Region of the Americas, Pan American Health Organization Director Carissa F. Etienne urged countries to take measures that protect health care workers to ensure they have access to the personal protective equipment and supplies they need to care for patients affected by the disease.

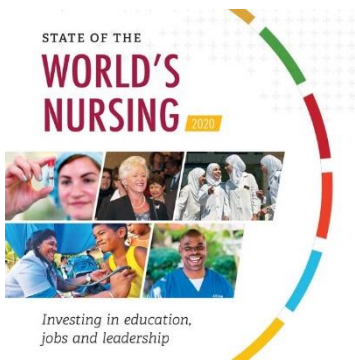
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Amid COVID-19 pandemic, new WHO report urges greater investments in the nursing workforce

The COVID-19 pandemic has poignantly highlighted the critical role that nurses and other health workers play in protecting people's health and saving lives. A new report, *The State of the World's Nursing 2020*, calls for greater investments in nurses' education, working conditions, and leadership to strengthen their contributions to health systems.

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Launch of the 2020 edition of "The State of the World's Nursing Report"

The *State of the world's nursing 2020* report provides the latest, most up-to-date evidence on and policy options for the global nursing workforce. It also presents a compelling case for considerable – yet feasible – investment in nursing education, jobs, and leadership.

[Access the Report](#)

Video



"Within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, I wish to take this opportunity to convey a heartfelt appreciation to all our nurses and health care teams on the frontline of health services and in the fight against COVID-19," said Carissa F. Etienne, PAHO's Director.

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Nursing in the time of COVID-19: Two advanced practice nurses on the front lines of the pandemic

These are highly stressful circumstances for all health professionals and for our patients. We want to provide them with the best possible care, but at the same time we have to protect ourselves to avoid carrying the virus back home to our families, and to avoid becoming ill ourselves.

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Publications

[World Health Day Special Issue](#). Pan American Health Organization. March 2020.

Resources



Watch the recordings of WHO's events for the World Health Day celebrations

1. WHO Director-General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and Elizabeth Iro: In conversation with nurses and midwives on the COVID-19 front lines. [Access the recording here](#)
2. Live Q&A on the State of the World's Nursing Report with Carey McCarthy. [Access the recording here](#)

Communication Materials

[Access all the communication materials for the World Health Day: digital displays, posters, roll up banners, social tiles, and web banners.](#) Available in Dutch, English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

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coronavirus

World Health Day 

**Nurses and
all health
workers are on
the COVID-19
front lines**

Help them do their jobs

**Follow public
health advice**

**INVEST
VALUE
RESPECT
TRUST**



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THE MIDWIFE

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