



A MESSAGE *from* PREMIER DAVID EBY

On behalf of all British Columbians, I offer my deepest appreciation to BC's nurses as we celebrate National Nursing Week.

This week, we honour the remarkable nurses here in our province and across Canada who demonstrate unparalleled compassion and expertise in the care they provide every day. This year's theme, "Changing Lives. Shaping Tomorrow.", highlights the transformational impact nurses can have on their patients, along with the many ways they contribute to a brighter future through mentorship, education and innovation. Nurses make up the largest segment of the health-care workforce, and their dedication ensures our families, friends and neighbours can continue to access the compassionate care they need, today and for generations to come.

Our government is committed to supporting nurses and strengthening our public health-care system. BC recently became the first jurisdiction in the world to introduce a minimum nurse-to-patient ratio staffing model at all hours. This aims to improve nurse retention and recruitment, decrease burnout, increase job satisfaction and enhance the quality of patient care. We are significantly expanding nursing seats at post-secondary institutions, simplifying the process to allow internationally educated nurses to work in our province, providing incentives for recruitment and more. All of this work is paying off – last year alone, BC saw 6,567 newly registered nurses, and our province leads Canada in nursing workforce growth.

We know there is more work ahead, but together, with the dedication of our nurses, we will continue to build a stronger, healthier future for all British Columbians.

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Honourable David Eby, KC
Premier of British Columbia