Celebrating Our Nation’s Nurses Today and Every Day

Today marks the beginning of National Nurses Week when everyone in America can honor the extraordinary women and men who are dedicated to making lives better 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. It’s a time when we should pause to think about the many contributions nurses make to their patients, to our communities, to our nation and to the health of all of us who are privileged to be on this journey called life.

At Kaiser Permanente, we have 51,000 nurses who come to work every day to deliver on our mission of providing high-quality, affordable and accessible care to our more than 10.6 million members. Their great work also contributes to and improves the health of our nation’s communities.

During this Nurses Week, let’s celebrate each one of these health care professionals who take our vital signs, give us our flu shots and care for us when we are at our most vulnerable. Nurses are often the first friendly face we see when we are sick — and the hand that reaches out to let us know we are in good hands when we’re hurting. Nurses help us get better and keep us well.

Beyond the care we see nurses delivering every day, the nursing profession offers many types of jobs, career growth and opportunities for millions. Nursing is a purpose-filled role that can take many directions. From teaching and researching to providing direct care or managing others who deliver care, the nursing profession needs the brightest minds and the most caring hearts.

This week we honor you. We celebrate you. We thank you for all that you do to keep us living our lives and fulfilling our dreams.

Sincerely,

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