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The RNAO 2020 AGM goes virtual. In light of the pandemic, the executive from RNAO made the decision to host the AGM through a virtual platform and it was a huge success. The opening ceremonies began with a message from your President Angela Cooper Brathwaite and continues with greetings from Ontario's Political Leaders Hon. Christine Elliott -Deputy Premier of Ontario & Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Hon. Merrilee Fullerton-Minister of Long-Term Care, Andrea Horwath-Leader of the New Democratic Party, Steven Del Duca- Leader of the Liberal Party, Mike Schreiner-Leader of the Green Party. The annual general meeting was held on Friday. The committee chairs provided their reports, bylaws were amended and proposed resolutions were discussed. The Saturday closing keynote panel, Doris Grinspun, Barbara Stilwell and Mary K Wakefield, was very insightful and encouraging for the forward movement of the profession and highlighted the Year of the Nurse. Thank you to all who organized this successful event and congratulations to Morgan Hoffarth, the incoming RNAO President.



We are pleased to announce our new networking forum [Facebook Group for Independent Practice Nurses](#). This forum is created to encourage open dialogue to address any challenges you may be having in independent practice. Our goal is to work together to gain visibility and a voice, recognizing IPN as a career path for nurses. Thank you Ashley Manlow for creating this for the membership.

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over yet. As we gradually re-open our practices, we must ensure services will be as safe as possible. Our government, local health authorities and CNO will mandate what will be the 'new normal' in doing business. This is a suggested example of a clinic set up for protecting patients, staff and ourselves from the spread of COVID 19

1. Maintain proper distancing between staff and patients. Take into consideration the size of your clinic and number of staff and patients.
2. Consider staggering start times and breaks for staff in order to maintain distancing in change rooms and lunchrooms/offices.
3. Set up a sanitization station where incoming patients can disinfect hands and have their temperature taken. Do not treat patients with temperatures over 37.5°.
4. Remove all reading material from waiting room/area.
5. Clean chairs and table tops in the waiting room/area between patients.
6. Schedule appointments with a buffer of 15 minutes between patients.
7. Provide wipes, hand sanitizer and laundry hamper for exiting of treatment room.
8. Clean treatment bed, counters, tables, chairs, mirrors, fridge door, cupboard handles, keyboards and cameras between patients.
9. Provide a station or separate room for staff to put on gowns, glasses, hats, booties and/or masks.
10. Consider having a release for treatments during COVID-19.
11. Develop payment options to promote social distancing and contact, such as e-transfers

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