



BC Election 2020

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In the lead-up to the October 24, 2020 Provincial Election, NNPBC knows that nurses around the province want to understand the key election issues and campaign priorities, and to ensure that those running for office understand the nursing perspective. NNPBC has put together a number of tools to strengthen the voice of nurses in this important aspect of health and public policymaking.

Background

Based on information shared by nurses during through our website, advisory tables, issues meetings, issues report forms, through our social media platforms, contact via email and during many ZOOM meetings, NNPBC has compiled a list of issues that we want all of those who seek public office to think about from a nursing perspective. Your voice is your power, and by bringing issues to wider attention during the campaign period you will have set the stage for ongoing strategic partnerships and actions. Contact us if you think there are issues we may have missed, or you have background material on any priority issues that nurses may want to speak to in their community conversations.

Key Health Issues for the 2020 BC Provincial Election

In no order of priority:

- COVID 19 Response
- Racism in Health Care
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Mental health supports for health care professionals
- Health System Capacity (in the context of dual public health emergencies)
- Opioid Crisis
- Surgeries
- Primary Care Networks
- Climate Change
- Urgent Care
- Nurse Practitioner Led Clinics
- Mental Health & Addictions
- Rural and Remote Nursing
- Safe Staffing in Long Term Care
- Rebuilding a Robust Capacity for Public Health
- Indigenous Health

Key Messages

- Nurses recognize that the issues they and their patients face on a daily basis need to be brought forward to public officials and decision makers as they make plans beyond the October 2020 election.
- Nurses are a strong voice with unique knowledge and skills to help system planners move forward after the election.
- All candidates should have opportunities to hear from nurses in their constituencies, and to be reminded of the expert advice nurses can provide.

Please feel free to direct questions and additional comments to info@nnpbc.com.