

Guiding Principles for Nurses and the COVID-19 Vaccines

Access

Transparency

Equity

Efficacy

Safety

COVID Vaccine Facts for Nurses



COVID VACCINE
FACTS FOR
NURSES

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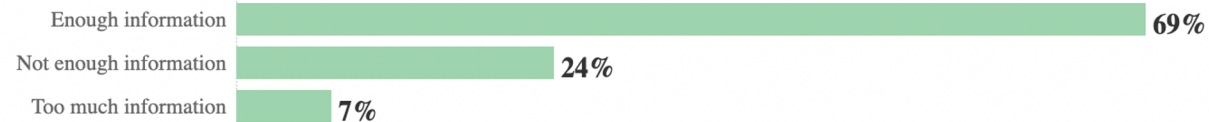
COVID Vaccine Facts for Nurses Survey

US Respondents

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State of Employment	Employment	Role	Ethnicity	Asian Ethnicity	Age	Direct Care to COVID-19 Patients
(All) ▼	(All) ▼	School Nurse ▼	(All) ▼	Null ▼	(All) ▼	(All) ▼

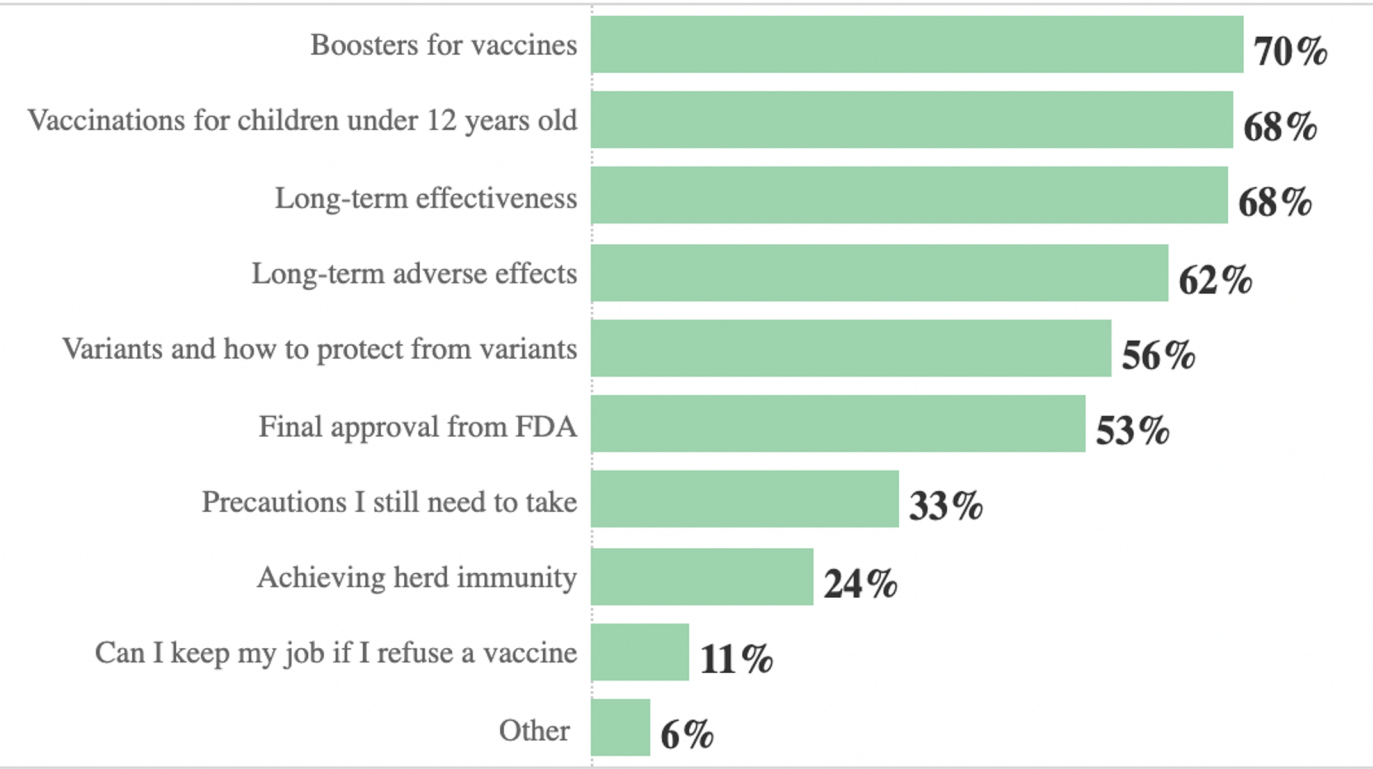
How do you feel about the amount of information you are getting on COVID-19 vaccines?



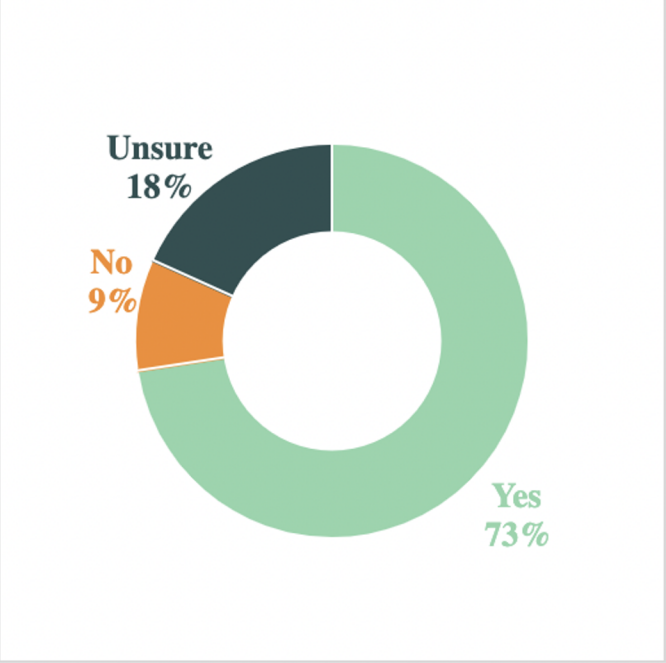
Sources of COVID-19 Vaccine Information

	For You	For Patients	Trust in Resource
CDC, NIH, and other government	91%	87%	87%
Colleagues	33%	3%	11%
Employer	27%	7%	7%
Friends and Family	13%	1%	3%
My professional association	60%	7%	36%
News media	48%	4%	5%
Social media - Facebook	13%		
Social media - LinkedIn	1%		
Social media - Tiktok	0%		
Social media - Twitter	2%	0%	
Social media - Youtube	4%	0%	0%
Social media - other platforms	1%	1%	0%
Websites	39%	22%	15%
World Health Organization (WHO)	27%	15%	23%
Other	18%	32%	20%

What is the most important information you still need about COVID-19 vaccines?

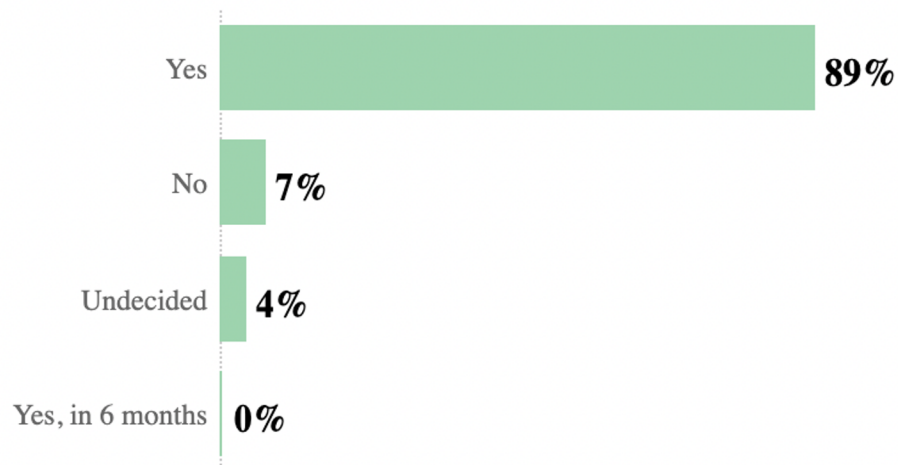


Do you trust that the available COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective?

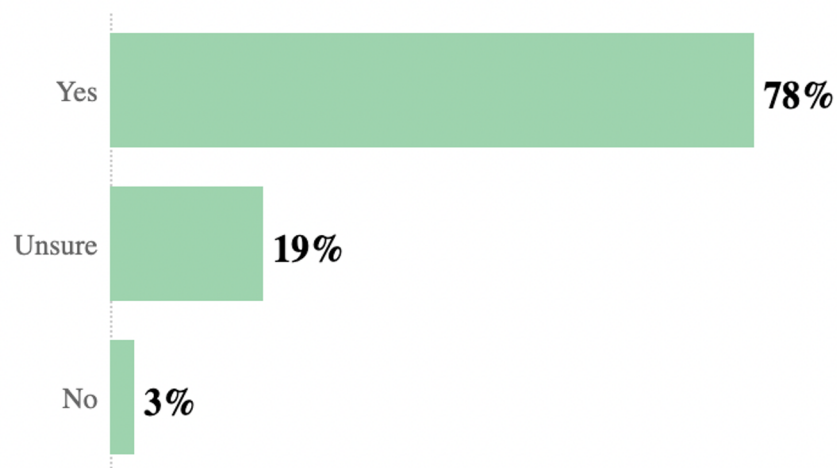


Vaccines and Boosters

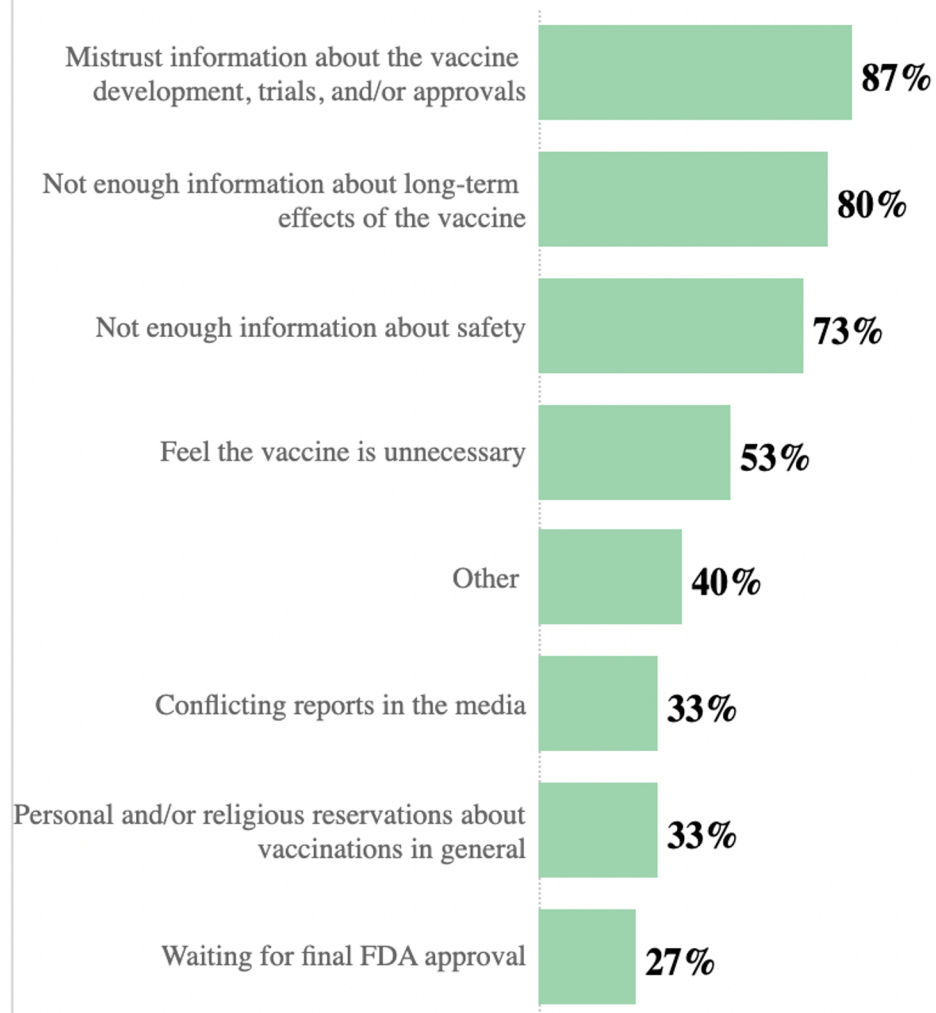
Are you vaccinated or do you plan to get a COVID-19 vaccine?



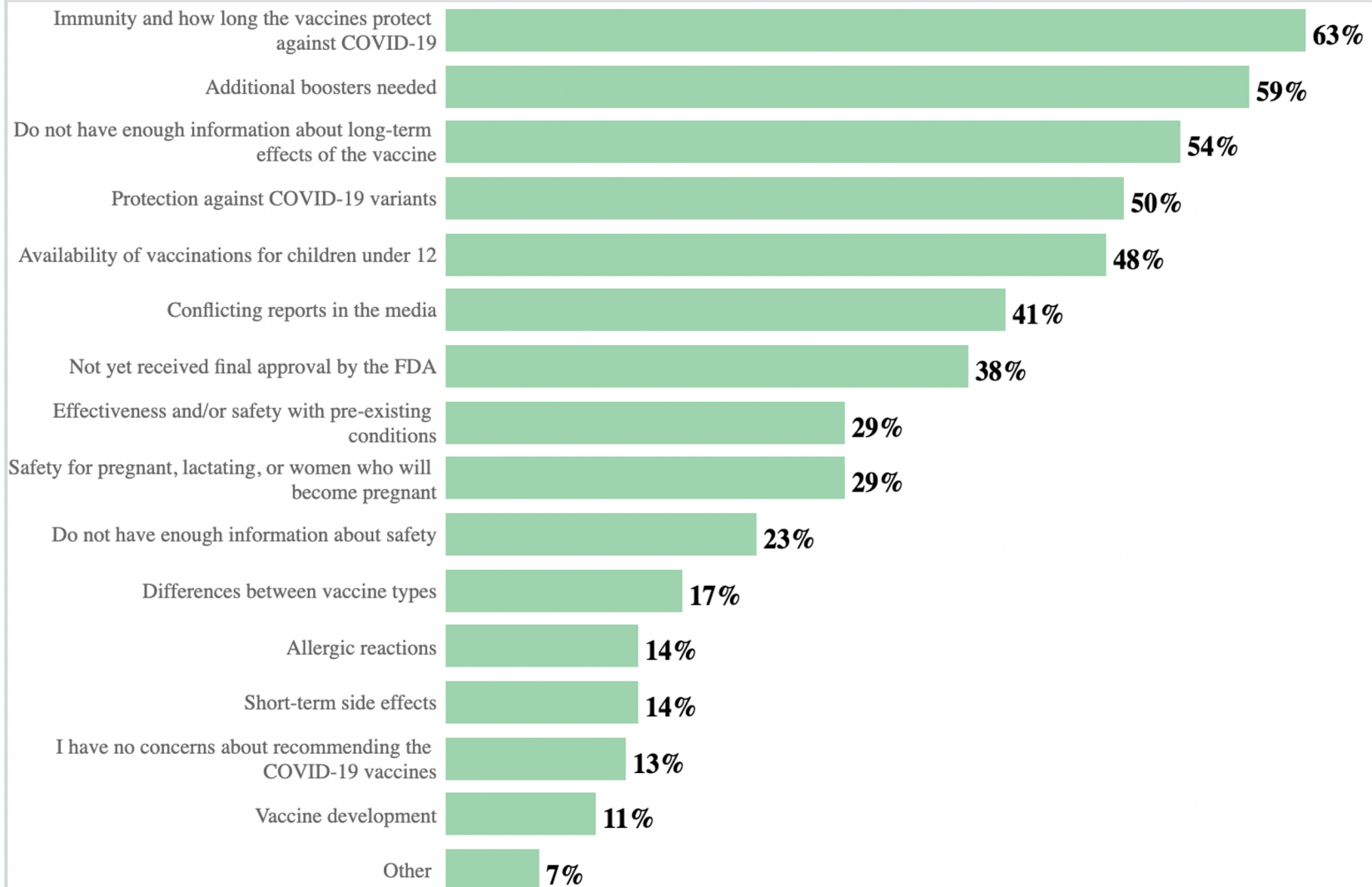
If yes, will you get a booster if recommended?



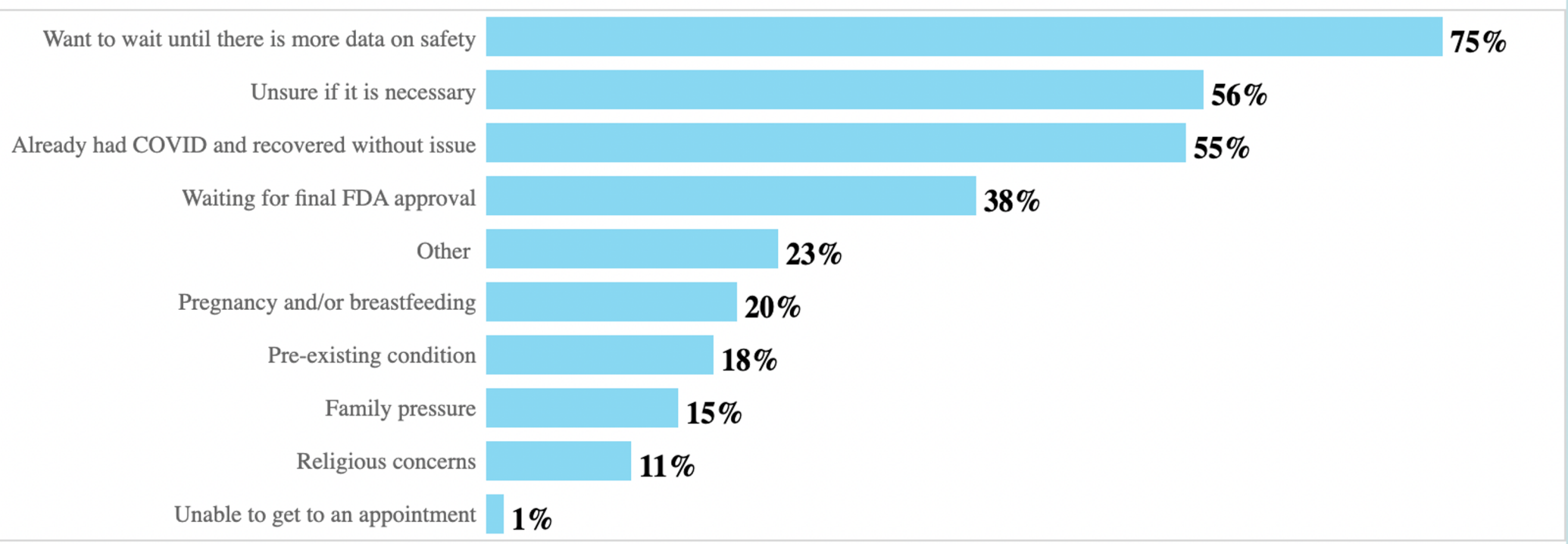
If you don't intend to get the vaccine, why not?



What questions or ongoing concerns do you have about COVID-19 vaccines?



What is the biggest concern from those who have not been vaccinated?





COVID-19 Public Education Campaign

An initiative to increase confidence in COVID-19 vaccines and reinforce basic prevention measures

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CHILDREN AGES 5+

CDC has updated its eligibility guidelines on COVID-19 vaccines to include children ages 5+.

[See the media release.](#)

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**COVID-19 Vaccine
Boosters**

**Addressing Vaccine
Misconceptions**

**Updated CDC
Guidance on Masking,**





Nov. 16, 2021

Policy Statement: Dissemination of Non-scientific and Misleading COVID-19 Information by Nurses

Purpose

To address the misinformation being disseminated about COVID-19 by nurses.

For the purposes of this statement, misinformation is defined as distorted facts, inaccurate or misleading information not grounded in the peer-reviewed scientific literature and counter to information being disseminated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Statement

Nurses are expected to be “prepared to practice from an evidence base; promote safe, quality patient care; use clinical/critical reasoning to address simple to complex situations; assume accountability for one’s own and delegated nursing care” (AACN, 2021).

SARS-CoV-2 is a potentially deadly virus. Providing misinformation to the public regarding masking, vaccines, medications and/or COVID-19 threatens public health. Misinformation, which is not grounded in science and is not supported by the CDC and FDA, can lead to illness, possibly death, and may prolong the pandemic. It is an expectation of the U.S. boards of nursing, the profession, and the public that nurses uphold the truth, the principles of the *Code of Ethics for Nurses* (ANA, 2015) and highest scientific standards when disseminating information about COVID-19 or any other health-related condition or situation.

When identifying themselves by their profession, nurses are professionally accountable for the information they provide to the public. Any nurse who violates their state nurse practice act or threatens the health and safety of the public through the dissemination of misleading or incorrect information pertaining to COVID-19, vaccines and associated treatment through verbal or written methods including social media may be disciplined by their board of nursing. Nurses are urged to recognize that dissemination of misinformation not only jeopardizes the health and well-being of the public, but may place their license and career in jeopardy as well.

References

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American Nurses Association. (2015). Code of Ethics for Nurses. Retrieved from <https://www.nursingworld.org/practice-policy/nursing-excellence/ethics/code-of-ethics-for-nurses/>

Endorsements

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

American Nurses Association (ANA)

American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL)

National League for Nursing (NLN)

NLN Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA)

National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA)

Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN)

Resources

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