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Arkansas Nurses Association encourages nurses to take COVID-19 Vaccine.

LITTLE ROCK - The Arkansas Nurses Association (ARNA) strongly supports the thousands of nurses that have been working on the frontlines since the first presumptive case of COVID-19 in March 2020. Now, due to the highly contagious Delta Variant, there are a significant number of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths on the rise in our state.

ARNA stands with the American Nurses Association in strongly recommending that all registered nurses, health care workers and the public be vaccinated against COVID-19. There is significant clinical evidence on the safety and effectiveness of the two approved COVID-19 vaccines (Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen) being administered under the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization process and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine now fully approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. We further encourage nurses and other healthcare workers act in line with ethical, clinical, and professional responsibilities to patients.

ARNA continues to fight for our members including advocating to ensure nurses are provided appropriate levels of PPE, paid time off for any adverse effects of the vaccination on their own personal health, pushing hard for safe staffing, and more retention and hazard pay.

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About Arkansas Nurses Association

The Arkansas Nurses Association (ARNA) is the state nurses' organization that speaks for professional nursing in the state. ARNA fosters high standards of nursing practice, promotes professional development, and advocates for the profession of nursing. ARNA collaborates with other healthcare providers to facilitate access to quality health care for the people of Arkansas. For more information, please visit www.arna.org.

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