



## **Declaration of support to nurses in Italy and the Italian Nurses' Association (CNAI)**

*The Nordic Nurses' Federation (NNF) supports the nurses' fight against COVID-19 and urges the world community to ensure the health and safety for healthcare workers through securing the needed personal protective equipment throughout all countries*

Dear Colleagues,

The Nordic Nurses' Federation (NNF) supports the Italian nurses struggling to fight the horrific outbreak of COVID-19.

With this letter we – the voice of the Nordic nurses representing more than 320.000 nurses – give our full support to the nurses and CNAI in the fight against COVID-19. Safe and reasonable working conditions are needed for the nurses to ensure the care and treatment of the patients.

We are deeply concerned about the number of healthcare workers, who themselves are among the many COVID-19 cases. It is a terrifying development and it calls for the protection of healthcare workers working among patients with COVID-19. Action is needed in order to ensure the needed personal protective equipment for healthcare workers to stay safe. We must take care of the healthcare workers – if not, there will be no one to take care of the patients.

We know that nurses are very concerned. We, in the Nordic countries, acknowledge the Italian call for action. The safety of the healthcare workers must be high priority and sufficient supply of personal protective equipment is essential in this regard. The fast development in the Southern part of Europe shows that instant action is required.

In solidarity,

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