School nurses are the eyes and ears of public health and primary care. The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) conducted a survey in April 2020 to learn what key activities school nurses were providing during the COVID-19 crisis. School nurses (N=4788) from all 50 states and the District of Columbia participated. The majority (60.7%) of school nurses were included in district discussions regarding COVID-19. Here are some of the critical activities they did to support student health:

**HEALTH RESOURCE EXPERT**
- 48% Answering phone calls from parents and community
- 44% Virtual office hours
- 18% Virtual support groups
- 17% Screening of staff or others coming to school

**EDUCATION**
- 45% Educating staff on COVID-19, infection control measures
- 35% Disseminating updates from local health departments
- 30% Classes/videos on COVID
- 25% Teaching and providing staff self-care
- 20% Educating community on COVID-19

**STUDENT OUTREACH**
- 54% Outreach to students at risk
- 32% Assisting with deliveries to students—such as medication and food

**CHRONIC CONDITION MANAGEMENT**
- 72% Medication and equipment returns to families
- 28% Assisting students manage chronic conditions
- 71% Working on student healthcare plans

**UPDATE POLICIES AND PLANS**
- 43% Updating/developing school health policies
- 41% Updating/developing plan to return to school

In addition, 78% of school nurses used the time to review their data to see new trends, 26% updated/developed their professional webpage, and 66% participated in trainings to stay current on key health issues. School nurses are now planning for the fall so that they can keep students and staff healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

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