School nurses are critical members of the school support team every year. Each year, school nurses help students manage their chronic conditions, identify and address students at risk for social, emotional or mental health concerns, and work to keep the entire school community healthy. This past year their role was even more critical. Results from a quick poll of over 1750 school nurses from across the country highlight some of their key responsibilities during the 2020-2021 school year. Every student and school benefit from having access to a school nurse.

Leaders & Connectors
- 90% partnered with local or state health departments
- 75% helped in decision-making for school reopening/closing plans

Holistic Clinical Experts
- 89% conducted contact tracing
- 77% engaged with students regarding mental health concerns
- 76% connected students and families with food, medical care, transportation and other needs

Educators
- 76% provided in person training/health education on COVID-19
- 75% provided virtual training/health education on COVID-19
- 88% provided health education on non COVID-19 topics

Evidence-based Critical Thinkers
- 92% used innovative solutions to solve emerging issues
- 90% documented or collected data regarding their COVID-19 activities
- 93-96% kept up to date through state or CDC webinars and resources

School nurses also engaged in other activities this year including conducting wellness checks on students of concern or at risk; providing virtual school nursing services to students (including support groups, or individual check ins); providing COVID-19 vaccinations to students or staff; and coordinated vaccination clinics.