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Dear Mount Sinai Nurse,

Today marks the beginning of National Nurses Week, a time set aside to honor the nursing community for its tremendous contributions to our health care system and beyond. This year, as we continue to face the greatest humanitarian crisis of our lifetime, we are indebted to the nurses who work tirelessly to help patients and their families, all while continuing to provide care and support to colleagues.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has extended the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife into 2021 to recognize the dedication of the millions of health care workers on the COVID-19 front line. As we also celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, we take this time to honor your passion, dedication, and commitment and the advocacy that nurses continually provide for our patients.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown the world the important role that nurses play on the front lines every day. Nursing, as the largest health care profession, will play an integral part in planning for the future of our health system, and I look forward to the amazing work that we will accomplish together as we emerge from the pandemic.

To our nurses: thank you for being the true heroes in our midst. I continue to be amazed by the dedication and courage that you demonstrate every day. I, along with my colleagues across the health care system, take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to you for the incredible work that you do for our patients and our community.

Happy Nurses Week!

With thanks,

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