

March 4, 2026

Dr. Joss Reimer, MD, MPH
Chief Public Health Officer-Designate
Public Health Agency of Canada

Dear Dr. Reimer,

On behalf of the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), we are pleased to extend our sincere congratulations on your appointment as Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, effective April 1, 2026.

Your appointment comes at a critical time for public health in Canada. Your demonstrated leadership, commitment to evidence-informed practice, and dedication to improving health systems will be invaluable as the Public Health Agency of Canada continues its essential work to protect and promote the health of people across the country.

Nurses and nurse practitioners are central to Canada's public health infrastructure, from health promotion and disease prevention to immunization, community-based care, and emergency response. We recognize the importance of strong federal public health leadership in advancing health equity, strengthening preparedness, and supporting a resilient health workforce.

CNA looks forward to working collaboratively with you to advance shared priorities and to ensure that Canada's public health systems remain responsive, equitable, and grounded in science.

Please accept our warmest congratulations and best wishes for success in this important role.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tracie Risling
President-elect, Canadian Nurses Association



Dr. Valerie Grdisa
CEO, Canadian Nurses Association

CC. Dr. Leigh Chapman, Chief Nursing Officer of Canada, Health Canada

