



Dear Belleville General Hospital,

I am a grade 6 teacher from Stirling Public School. Our learning throughout this 2020-21 school year has focused on 'Making a Difference in Our Community.'

Students in my class recognize and appreciate the dedication that Front Line Workers have had during this Covid19 time. They have written letters to thank front line workers and I thought the doctors, nurses and staff of Belleville General Hospital might appreciate reading some of the letters. They are very thoughtful and truly express their appreciation for the work that is being done in hospitals to keep everyone safe.

Thanks so much for sharing these letters with the staff.

Sincerely,
Tammy Billen

Grade 6 Teacher
Stirling Public School



Hello Health-care workers,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

Hi health-care workers. My name is Mady and I am very thankful for the long hours and energy you spend on taking care of us and our health. I can't even come to imagine how tired you are at the hospital and at the end of the day. Trust me though, all of us can see how hard you are working and how much you do for us. I can't even imagine how sore you are from wearing all of your gear and being up on your feet all day. We are all thankful.

I am very thankful for how brave you guys are. I would be soooo scared if I had to go to the hospital everyday. I love how you come to the hospital to help others everyday while risking your health when doing so. You help cure people with covid!! That is a huge deal! People with covid are only alive because you helped them. Their lives would not be the same if it weren't for you. That's a big deal if you ask me.

I am so sorry that you can't see your friends and family because of your job in being in close contact with people who have covid. It must be very hard to come home after a long day of work and not being able to give your family a big hug. It must be so hard to stay positive and keep a happy face when seeing your family through facetime or through a window. I can't even imagine how much you miss home.

We all are trying to show our support as much as possible and I hope this small letter will show that we can see all of the hard work you are doing and we appreciate it a lot. Covid is a huge thing that has happened and has affected so many people. You are the ones helping them through covid. There are many downsides of working in a hospital but there is a very good plus side: you have saved people's lives!!! Thank you for everything.

Thank you,

Mady



Hello Healthcare Hero,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

I'm thankful for all the great work you do especially all the long hours you're working to keep us safe. You're working multiple hour shifts and even overtime. You're having to take time away from your family and maybe even your children if you have any, all because you want to protect us. I know that I'm exhausted after working in my barn, so I couldn't imagine how tired you would be after hours of hard work cleaning and taking care of others. Thank you for working so many hours to keep us safe and protected.

You healthcare workers are working very hard all the time, even if that means putting yourself at risk. You not only are currently putting yourself at risk with more people in the hospital, but have always put yourself at risk of any cold, cough, or flu. You're wearing all the protective gear but are still concerned if you or your family is going to catch an illness. Healthcare workers are treating and caring for ill people. You're going into work wondering if you're going to take a disease or even a virus home, potentially to your family too. I want to let you know that we know you're keeping others safe while putting yourself last but still being concerned.

I can't imagine all the protective gear and equipment you're wearing. I've seen photos on the internet and news, but I don't like wearing a mask so I know you must be so uncomfortable in all the PPE you're wearing. You're probably using more energy to move around with all the equipment, it looks quite heavy. I heard on the news they are running low on PPE, and I know some days you probably wonder if you won't have enough or the correct equipment. You guys must get so exhausted from all the PPE.

I wrote this letter to allow you to realize that everyone appreciates all the hard work you have accomplished.

Thank you,

Gracie



Hello Health Care Workers,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

The first reason I am thankful for you is 'You' work extra hours to keep us safe. Some people have to stay at work 24 hours and work through the night because they don't have enough staff. And that is deeply appreciated.

Reason two I am thankful for you is I know it's hard working all the time. I also know that you don't get to see your kids a lot and that must really make you sad. And your kids don't even get to see you because you might be at work all day and all night. And that really isn't fun.

The last but certainly not the least reason I am thankful for you is you have to wear protective gear that is uncomfortable. We thank you for doing this and you try your best to keep us safe. Thank you so much for your sacrifices.

If it weren't for you Health care workers helping us get through this I don't think we could ever get through it.

Thank you,

Gabe



Hello Health Care Workers,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

You guys work long hours, sometimes more than 12, which I appreciate. You stay there all day helping people to fight off sickness or recover from injury. It must be tiring working so long a day. I can imagine me like that, I would get home, have a shower, eat dinner, and go flop into my bed. But then you have to get up early the next day, so that job is not for me.

You also help the ill by looking for cures and remedies for every situation, and I know that can take days, weeks, or even months! I like how you care for people who are injured or sick, and it makes them stay positive. The only reason they do though, is because you know what you're doing.

I respect that you have to wear uncomfortable clothes, as you are doing it for your community. It is always nice to know there is someone caring for people out there. You probably look scary to clients, but they probably know they have to stay strong. They know you won't hurt them because you are very nice people.

You guys are really positive, and you make our lives easier. You are always there for our communities. You help everyone get better. You are true lifesavers.

Thank you,

Lucas



Hello Healthcare Worker,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

You stay away from your family

I know some health care workers have to live or stay in trailers to quarantine from family so their family can be safe from any virus and disease. You also stay in different places in your house to protect your family from the virus also. You must be nervous to touch your kids because you were in contact with people with covid or around them. I know you also don't spend enough time with them from your long hours and being in contact with covid patients. You are putting your lives at risk by helping those with covid and you're helping the rest of the world by trying to stop covid-19 from spreading.

You work long hours to help those who are ill.

You sometimes work for 12 hrs and more to help people with covid and to make sure they are okay for the night. I know when I'm gone for a while I don't really like it because I don't see my family so I can't imagine what you feel. Thank you for staying long hours even though you are exhausted. and not getting much sleep you still continue to work to help others. I know that some healthcare workers have to stay at work 24 hours and work through the night because they don't have enough staff to stay nights.

Wear masks and protective gear most of the time. You're a hero for wearing protective gear to save other people and your family. You have to wear protective gear that is uncomfortable, heavy and hot for a complete day. I know that the protective gear is at least 3 layers thick goggles, protective glass shield and a mask. You try your best to keep others healthy for their health. If healthcare workers we're not in our lives we would be at risk of getting diseases and not know how to cure them. -the world and I thank you

- We thank you for all you do and more you are a proper hero's

Thank you Healthcare Hero.

Sincerely,

Peyton



Hello Health-Care Workers,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

It must be awful with all that gear on to protect yourself! It's hard to see when the goggles get all fogged up when you work as hard. It must be hard to breathe with the masks. There's many bad looking pictures of doctors and nurses with bloody cuts, brown bruises and forever scars too! Also you're probably sweating buckets in those weird light blue gowns. Each time you go care for another patient you have to change almost everything!

A lot of people at the hospital work all night and day, some hardly even see their families! It's super hard to stay at the hospital all the time without seeing your family. You work hard to save others lives. I'm grateful for that!

It's amazing how you take risks to help others when you need to rest. Each day and night doctors and nurses are working really hard to stop the virus that's killing so many innocent people that had futures. Hope you can stop to rest a bit!

Thank you for being there to save lives,

Thank you,

Kelsey



Hello Health care workers

Reasons I am thankful for you...

You are working more than 12 hours a day which is longer than you normally work and you are always around sick people trying to keep everybody else safe. I thank you for doing this for us.

Even though you are very tired and not getting sleep, you still continue to work and help others

You have to stay at work 24 hours and work through the night because you don't have enough staff.

Thank you for doing all of this for us,

Brayden



Hello Healthcare Workers ,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

Right now is a very hard and weird time and I feel you guys work way too much and sometimes just need time to breathe. You guys work with people that need attention because they're sick and we all need that help. But it's not fair to you guys you don't get to hug or see your family and that must be tough. It would stress me out so it has to stress you. I feel you guys need the most THANK YOU'S, you could ever have.

With COVID 19 you probably have to pick up more shifts than you have ever had too, and with that you have to wear a mask, gown, gloves, face mask. And more than that it would not be very comfortable for you guys every day . I can hardly handle just a mask so I really need to be thankful for you guys so THANK YOU SO MUCH HEALTHCARE WORKERS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Even before Covid 19 you guys were awesome and now you are more than awesome heroes to all of us. I really hope all of you get a break just to breathe and relax and we all need to see our family again. Another thing is if it wasn't for you guys there would be nothing we would all get sick and die so thank you so very much.

THANK YOU HEALTH CARE WORKERS you are a hero to me and everyone else.

Thank you,

ELLIE



Hello Healthcare Worker,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

You work such long shifts. Most of your shifts are 12 or more hours. You must be so tired after a long day. I could never do what you do. I would be so tired. And it must be awful with the long hours, you can't see your family as often. But on the bright side at least you know with all these long hours comes more lives saved.

You can't see your family as often, I feel awful for you and all of your family. You must be so lonely. It's not fair to you or your family but your family should feel so lucky to know that YOU are out there helping all of us. But that still doesn't change the fact that they can't see you. If my Mom or Dad was a healthcare worker I honestly don't know what I would do so thank you for being there and being so brave.

You are helping us and risking your lives for me, for my family, for your family, for everyone. When my family and I are at home happy and healthy you are at the hospitals scared and in danger. It may not look like it but in reality everyone is. It's not fair to all the nurses and doctors who have to be in masks and all of the protective gear, and this is all for us, you are doing this for us.

Thank you so much if I could be there to help you I would.

Thank you,





Hello Health Care Workers ,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

I am so thankful for you for working super long hours just to help and save others that have the Covid 19. It probably is a lot of work but it pays off. It's so much work that you don't see your kids a lot because you don't have as much staff as you need so you have to stay there for 12 hours or more.

You also have to wear tons of protective gear so if you go and help a person that has covid you don't get infected which helps you and us. But with all the protective gear it squishes your face and it makes marks. If you wear glasses which fogs your face when you breathe and I know that is a pain. You also have to wear these plastic clothes that you have to put on and off all day and I know it's weird because I had to wear one before.

The final reason why I'm so thankful for you guys is that you risk your lives to save others which is really amazing . Also you have to make hard choices like who to keep on the heat vent and who not so you're keeping who will live longer and who not live longer which is really hard choices .

You're helping everyone and that's awesome and caring. It might be hard but I know you can do it.

Thank you for everything,

Isaac



Hello Healthcare Workers

Reasons I am thankful for you ...

Thank you health care workers for all you've done for us. I know it must be hard for you to think twice about hugging your family if you have one or having to work overtime in the hospital. It's hard, isn't it? I know I'm only in grade six, but I get it. We don't know how hard it is, but you do know how hard it is to work overtime. You know how hard it is to be exposed to Covid 19 but you are still working through this and you are putting your life on the line.

You have been doing so well on the front line of health care workers, if only the Covid cases went down it would be awesome. It must be hard not seeing your family and if that isn't enough you might have to sleep in a trailer or have your kids living with their grandparents or other relatives. I know I can't relate but some other people can, like some of my friends. It's not easy, isn't it?

It must be hard wearing all of the protective equipment and then it looks like your Darth Vader. If that isn't enough you have to go to surgery looking like Darth Vader and it probably scares the heck out of the patient doesn't it?

Kade



Hello Health Care Worker,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

Health care workers this is a letter for all of you,

Thank you for risking everything for us to stay safe. You are staying away from family just to help us and we appreciate that a lot. I can't thank you enough, you are the most important people in the whole world.

You are putting your own lives at risk just for us. You continue to do that just for us! You help us a lot and to keep us safe. You do everything for us.

Thank you for doing everything for us. I can't believe everything you do for people. You have to wear all of that equipment. It must hurt your skin a lot. You have to take extra shifts so you don't get almost any sleep. So I just want to say

THANK YOU



And that's why you are the best people in the whole world.

Liam



Hello Health-care worker,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

I am very thankful for all the long hours you've been working to keep us and others safe. It makes such a difference in our life and community that you do all this for us and our health. During this time you are spending several hours helping us. You must be so tired from working so long. Working for that long would be so hard and tiring.

You are spending time away from your family to help others for such a long time and being away from your family can be hard. But you still work through it and get the work done missing your family and wanting to go home. you still work through it and spend that time away from everyone else., You work so hard everyday away from your family\loved ones.

You are risking your health for ours, that's a big risk. It's a big deal that you do that for us and I'm sure it's so scary to be at work everyday possibly getting sick but you still do it for us. You really make a difference in our life\community. that you do this for us and our health. Doing all this for us is a big thing to do , and I appreciate it!

Thank you, Health care workers for all you do for us!!

Sydney



Hello Healthcare Workers,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

The reason that I'm thankful for you is that you work long hours and sometimes you work 24\7. It must be heard on yourself that you can't see your family

When you are working it is really sad that you can't see your family a lot because you're saving lives and you don't want to risk your family from getting Covid-19. When you're at the hospital and you are in the gear it must get how hot it can get under all the leyers. We have a music teacher and her daughter is a nurse and she works at the emergency and she wears all the gear.

When you are working and you go to see a patient I bet you are nervous and frightened not and you don't know if you are going to get Covid or not and that is why we are trying to do our part.

Thank you Healthcare workers,

Carter



Hello Healthcare Workers,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

You are worrying for patients and your own family's safety over yours. Sometimes you need to sleep away from your family and that's very sad not to see your OWN FAMILY!!! You guys wish after you take care of your patients to see how they are a week later or at any time to see if they're feeling well or better, and if they're not better you're anxious for your parents' safety..

You guys are worried you don't have the right gear ready to bring a patient in and worried for your own safety. You're like "Aam il ready?" "Iis this good enough?" . You guys get so stressed out when you don't deserve to.

You guys help us and take your own time when you could be at home but you guys are amazing that way. You guys risk your lives for our own cure to make us feel better and that is way beyond hero like!

You guys are supermen/women to us!

Thank you,

Olivia



Hello Healthcare Worker,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

Thank you so much for extending your shifts to help those who have Covid and others. You are spending so much time away from your family to take care for those in need. You are putting your own life at risk to help others.

Thank you for keeping us all safe. You guys must be scared sometimes because you don't have enough PPE for you. It must be scary.

Thank you for being there for everyone like the sick or those with broken bones . You are there and ready to take care of people.

Thank you,

Mason



Hello Health-care workers,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

I know you work so hard to help stop the spread of Covid-19. If it helps you not to spread the Covid you might have to stay away from your family. Your kids might need to stay at your family's houses. You might need to stay in a trailer or go in the shower right when you go home and keep your bag away from your kids. When you are about to hug them you might hesitate because you might have Covid and you don't want to spread it.

I have seen that most healthcare workers get cuts or marks on your face from the face shield. When you get all suited up for the day just think about all the families you're going to make happy when you try to save people's lives. When I go to sleep I think about you. When I wake up I think about you.

You're not health care workers you are health care superheroes. You're always there for us.

Thank you for risking your life for my tomorrow.

LOGAN



Hello Healthcare Worker,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

I am very thankful for you working late hours during Covid-19. You've probably worked shifts that are more than 12 hours or maybe a couple all day, all night shifts. That must be really hard. It's probably hard and uncomfortable to work non-stop shifts with all that protective gear., You probably get marks on your face that really hurt .Thank you for working so much!

You've probably been away from your family a lot. You are caring for other people's families while your family is missing you.You might be sleeping in another part of your house or in a trailer so you can keep your family safe. You might be away from your family but you are keeping everyone else safe.

Thank you for wearing all the PPE. I get marks on my face from wearing a mask for school, But you wear them for 12 hours or more. The PPE is probably heavy., Thanks for pushing through and wearing it to help people.

Thank you for risking your life for other people's lives and thank you for trying your best. You save countless lives and Everyone thanks you for that.

Thank you
Fallon at S.P.S



Hello Healthcare Workers,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

From the moment you walk in the hospital doors you have to help everyone who comes in the hospital no matter their condition. I was in the hospital a couple of weeks ago with an injured arm and it was 4 ½ hours before I got x-rays. What I realized while I was sitting against the wall was that you have to risk your lives to help thousands of people a day with extra Personal Protective Equipment and barely any time for a break.

I don't know what your shift lengths were before Covid but I do know that you are working longer than you were before. You are working 12+ hour shifts and because you're working longer shifts you don't see your family as much. Most health-care workers are sleeping in different parts of the house or in a trailer so they don't expose the rest of their family.

When times get tough you stay strong for us. If a local hospital was full you would take patients in and take care of them and wouldn't let them leave the hospital until you knew that they were 100% okay and ready to leave. If a co-worker was sick you would take their place and cover yours at the same time and for the same pay. **THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

Superheroes don't always wear the same cape, sometimes they have 3 layers of hospital equipment as their cape.

Thank you,

Owen



Hello Front Line Worker,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

I am very grateful that you work longer hours than you normally do to help others in the hospital. You probably work over 12 hours per day, multiple days a week which is unfair for you and your family. Also your kids and rest of the family don't get to see you because you want to keep them safe from Covid-19 which can be hard on you. Another big thing is sleep, sleep is an issue when you are working for a long amount of time.

You are probably spending your little time at home away from everyone else in the house. You are always putting your health at risk to help everyone else which is very kind.

You are having to wear lots of medical equipment almost all of the time. I have seen pictures and heard that Frontline workers are getting cuts and marks on their faces from the equipment. Also you have to wear Personal Protective Equipment all of the time which is annoying.

Thank you for all that you do to help us stay safe,

Jaxon



Hello Healthcare Worker,

Reasons I am thankful for you...

You, yes you, are the best and your health care worker friends too. You've saved so many people from this harsh Covid 19 and we know you're probably physically and mentally tired from working longer shifts. You guys are the best ever in these trying times.

That gear gown, gloves, shield must be uncomfortable. Thank you for wearing this to keep us safe.

Well all I have to say is thanks for being there for us.

Thank you health care heroes,

Ollie



Hello Healthcare Workers,

Reasons I am thankful for you.

- 1 . You are keeping others safe.
- 2 . You are looking out for others and not just yourself.
- 3 . Thank you for being a front line worker and wearing all the protective gear everyday,

Thank you,

Chris