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My story is about COVID-19. I have been a nurse during the two years of COVID, and it has been a long couple years. I am a school nurse and work with a public school from preschool to grade eight as well as a hundred staff. During the height of the pandemic, I would get phone calls beginning at 5 in the morning or text messages on my phone all the way up until 9 or 10 at night, plus during the school day for people who got COVID, looking for directions, looking for guidance on what they should do as far as their symptoms and their families and how to protect their families, how to isolate, how to quarantine. I had to also set up vaccination clinics. I was setting up vaccination clinics maybe one a month, trying to get as many people vaccinated as possible.

I got the vaccination as soon as it came out in December of 2020. I was one of the first, because I'm a nurse and I was able to get the Pfizer vaccine before I was allowed to go out and vaccinate anybody else. So I was helping with vaccination campaigns, I was helping in school. I'm the only nurse at my school, so I was able to keep our school as safe as I was able, assessing the kids, assessing adults, and again, giving them guidance on going home, getting tested. Then this past year of '22, '21 to '22, I was testing a hundred people every Friday.