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In light of a surging Covid-19 pandemic in Montana, the Montana Nurses Association Board of Directors, members, and staff are asking for the Joint Rules Committee to hold an entire virtual session of the 2021 Legislature. Nurses and Healthcare workers, especially those on the front lines, are risking their lives and the lives of their families every day as they care for the increasing number of covid patients. It is maxing out our healthcare systems and compromising our healthcare workers as many nurses today are reusing PPE and are severely understaffed. Technology can be embraced for this session to be virtual, it will keep our communities safe and your constituents safe, moreover, potentially save the lives of the legislators, lobbyists, capital workers, and their families. Respectfully, Vicky Byrd, MSN, RN CEO, MNA

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