



FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders together to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders during the COVID-19 crisis.

DATE: May 15, 2020

Reopening Oregon:

Statewide Surveillance. The Governor's reopening criteria related to testing and contact tracing can be found [here](#).

Revised Reopening Guidelines for Medical Facilities. Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems shared the Governor's released updated requirements for organizations to begin offering non-emergent/elective procedures.

[Guidance For Hospitals](#) • [Guidance For Ambulatory Surgical Centers](#)

BLS/ACLS Certification. Several organizations are looking at when/how to continue BLS/ACLS certification courses. PeaceHealth shared they have resumed classes using guidelines from AHA. In addition to pre-class screenings, class sizes have been reduced, students maintain six feet of distance from one another and any drills which require a two-person response have been modified so the second responder verbally conveys how they would assist. American Heart Association maintains an [active list of locations](#) still offering BLS/ACLS training.

New Graduate Residency Programs. Legacy Health System will be reaching out to schools/applicants regarding their decision to cancel their Fall 2020 residency cohort. The cancellation is due to staffing availability and cost management considerations. About 500 applicants already applied for the program. Legacy hopes to make accommodations for 20 internal applicants to the program. Kaiser Permanente has also put their residency programs on hold in their acute and ambulatory care settings. Asante is hoping to continue their summer residency program for 90-110 individuals across their system. Sky Lakes Medical Center is tentatively planning to continue their residency program for a smaller cohort.

Nursing Education:

New Grad NCLEX Testing. George Fox University shared their students have scheduled their NCLEX tests without issue. OSBN shared that all NCLEX testing sites in Oregon are open and considering extended hours to increase testing capacity while maintaining social distancing. The exam has been shortened from a minimum of 75 questions to 60 questions.

NCLEX Test Prep. ATI/Elsevier are reporting a noticed decrease in test preparation among students since the pandemic began. Columbia Gorge Community College shared they have transitioned their students from an in-person test preparation course to an online class. Since it is offered online, the test preparation is not geared to the specific cohort and they don't feel it is as effective.

Class Structure for Summer/Fall Terms. Some schools have already announced that Fall term classes will be offered online, but health occupation classes are seeking exemptions. [Higher Education Coordinating Commission guidelines](#) allow colleges to determine if classes are essential and can continue in-person. Additional guidelines (attached) are under review. The many components of nursing education, from didactic, to in-class interactions, skills labs, sim lab, virtual simulation and establishing state-wide guidelines/best practices were discussed. OSBN will be asking their board to consider rule changes to address the need for programs to offer alternative learning methods in emergency situations.

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