



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 22, 2020

Reopening Education:

K-12 Guidelines. While updated CDC guidelines on education recommend increased health and temperature screening for students, the role and presence of school nurses is not specifically addressed. School nurses in Oregon are often stretched out across multiple schools. Oregon Department of Education certifies school nurses and decides where they work. Oregon State Board of Nursing is trying to revise Division 47 rules related to delegation to help streamline the work of nurses, including school nurses, who delegate to other care providers. Call participants suggested reaching out to Oregon Education Association and encouraging them to engage school nurses in discussions around reopening Oregon's schools in the Fall. Oregon State Board of Nursing committed to writing a letter to the Governor's Office and Oregon Health Authority encouraging them to remember the important role school nurses will play in keeping schools healthy.

Higher Education. Institutions are beginning to look at what changes will need to be implemented to bring students back to campus in the Fall. This includes looking at instructional changes, as well as residential life changes.

Reopening Health Care:

Staff Resilience. Several organizations talked about emerging/increasing signs of stress among their health care staff. This stress is related to preparing for the surge, experiencing furloughs/layoffs related to closures or working on the front lines with patients. Columbia Memorial has established an internal fund to assist employees who have experienced income loss due to furloughs/layoffs. They have also mobilized their social workers to assist employees. Asante Health has a health promotions team who provides daily classes/session for staff to improve resilience well-being. Legacy Health is giving staff permission openly discuss work stressors.

Visitor Restrictions. Facilities are considering how to modify visitor restrictions while still following OHA guidelines.

Resources:

Nursing Education in Oregon – 2019. OCN's new infographic is available [online](#).

House Interim Committee on Health Care. A recording of the May 22 meeting and written testimony are available [online](#).

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