



FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders together to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

DATE: August 14, 2020

Workforce Concerns:

Health Care Worker Mortality. Kaiser Health News' "[Lost on the Frontline](#)" series is tracking the impact of COVID-19 on the nations' healthcare workforce. Make sure to check out their [interactive tool](#) and recent [article](#) on the overrepresentation of healthcare workers of color being impacted by COVID-19.

PPE for Students. Are health care organizations providing PPE for health care students in clinical experiences/rotations? Some schools reported facilities are asking students to supply their own gear (face shields, N95 masks). Most facilities represented at the Huddle said they are providing PPE for student, but not allowing clinicals in units/areas where N95 (or higher) PPE is required.

Nursing Education:

COVID Testing for Students. Raised at last week's Huddle, OCN reached out to OHA, OSBN, several schools and employers this week to look at test access for asymptomatic students. There are concerns about availability of testing for asymptomatic individuals, insurance coverage and cost of testing. OCN's summary of the issue is [available online](#). *Schools, clinical placement providers and employers are encouraged to reach out to their administrations and/or OHA to voice concern over this issue before students return to clinicals in the Fall.*

Simulation Use in Fall Term. OCN hosted a meeting for nurse educators to discuss the continued/increased use of simulation to replace clinical placements in the Fall. ([View the recorded meeting.](#)) A FAQ with links to suggested resources will be available in the near future. A follow-up meeting will take place in September.

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