



FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

DATE: October 23, 2020

Nursing Workforce:

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution. The state and local health departments are developing skeleton plans for vaccine distribution in the near future. Some are using flu vaccine distribution models as a starting point. COVID vaccine distribution will look different with the need for staff/provider education, community education, mass distribution, etc. Kaiser Permanente has been hosting drive-thru flu vaccination centers this fall and has had to involve private security and local police to help with traffic control in popular locations. The question of different ways to involve nursing students to assist with COVID vaccine distribution was raised. The Portland VA has nursing students assist with flu vaccine distribution. Clackamas Community College just had students administering flu vaccines at a community event. Organizations interested in exploring this further should email ocnadmin@up.edu to join an ad-hoc workgroup.

Licensure and Free Speech. The Board of Nursing has received some complaints regarding nurses who are advocating against masks, vaccines, etc. on social media. Legal guidance to the board has suggested if a nurse is providing advice to a specific individual patient that goes against current medical guidance, that is a complaint that can be investigated. Nurses using social media to voice their personal opinions can not as this is a violation of their freedom of speech.

Nursing Education:

Clinical Placements. The Board of Nursing has completed a survey of education programs related to their continued use of simulation in lieu of clinical placements. The results will be made public at the November OSBN board. Several schools, including George Fox and University of Portland, indicated they have recently had reductions in clinical placements as sites experience COVID outbreaks. This is affecting junior and senior level nursing students. The Board encourage programs to email them updated survey responses to reflect their current situation.

Resources:

JAMA Article: [Scientific and Ethical Principles Underlying Recommendations From the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for COVID-19 Vaccination Implementation](#)

National Academy of Medicine Meeting: [“Ensuring Clinician Well-Being in an Age of Uncertainty: Emerging Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic and a Systems Approach for the Future”](#)

NAMI Resources for Health Care Professionals: - Helpful information on recognizing signs, and a variety of help to access.

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