



FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

DATE: October 30, 2020

Nursing Workforce:

Winter Surge and Staffing. Healthcare facilities present on today's call felt prepared for a winter surge of COVID-19 cases. Some rural facilities said they are having trouble transferring patients to facilities for specialty care. Many facilities on the call continue to experience unique staffing issues related to childcare (and school closures), and sickness. While last year many employees would have come to work if they were experiencing cold symptoms, they are now calling out sick as a precaution.

Nursing Education:

Simulation and Skill Development. Clackamas Community College commented on the advanced critical thinking and clinical judgement skills students are demonstrating in simulation this year. Multiple other programs, including University of Portland and OHSU, have seen the same results. Also, schools have not seen the increased use of simulation affecting NCLEX testing scores. Asante Health reported that their new grad hires much more engaged and appreciative of the opportunity to be in a practice setting.

Resources:

AMA Learning Module: [Caring for the Health Care Workforce During Crisis](#)

Webinar: [Ensuring COVID-19 Vaccine Access, Safety, and Utilization: Building Vaccination Confidence in Communities of Color](#)

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