



FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

DATE: October 9, 2020

Nursing Education:

Student Health Centers. The Board of Nursing has received multiple calls from student health centers on college campuses. Nurses are being contacted by students who are online learning from home and are located outside Oregon (i.e. California, Washington). If the health center nurse is not licensed to practice in the state where the student is physically located, they could face disciplinary action in that state. Though CMS/DEA have waived payment considerations for providing services across state lines, this does not apply to license to practice.

Contact Tracing and Fall Breaks. Several schools talked about the ongoing challenge of providing exposure tracing, contact tracing and increasing awareness among students about effective social distancing. Some schools have altered their Fall Break plans, or are modifying their schedule for Spring Break. Many schools have asked students not to return to campus after Thanksgiving if they plan to travel home. They continue to walk the fine line between limiting COVID-19 spread among students, while supporting the socialization and emotional needs of students.

Division 21. The Board of Nursing clarified that the changes to Division 21 go into effect (unless otherwise stated in rule) on the effective date, January 1, 2021.

Nursing Workforce:

Increased Use of Telehealth. OCN shared statistics from a Consumer and Business Services presentation to the Oregon Legislature this spring. In comparing claims and expenditures from March/April 2019 and March/April 2020, there was a 2800% increase in claims and a 4000% increase in expenditures. Kaiser Permanente reports dramatic increases in telephone and video visits for our physician/NP/Pas in primary and specialty care.

Flu Shots/Flu Clinics. Drive-thru flu clinics in some areas have been overwhelmed with responses. In-person flu clinics have been less busy. George Fox plans to offer a flu clinic for all staff, faculty and students. Linfield will host a flu clinic for faculty and staff only.

Resources:

Documentary Premiere! In Case of Emergency is a new documentary about emergency nursing. If you are interested in joining the virtual premiere go to <https://www.incaseofemergency.film/>

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