



Oregon Center for
NURSING

FRIDAY MORNING HUDDLE

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

DATE: May 12, 2023

Nursing Workforce

Oregon Pandemic Policies: As the federal COVID-19 public health emergency ended on May 11, Oregon is also changing its pandemic policies. Updates include vaccination requirements, isolation protocol, COVID-19-related insurance coverage, and more. The Oregon Health Authority issued [this fact sheet](#) to help inform on the changes.

CMS Guidelines: While COVID-19 guidelines lift in healthcare settings across the state, CMS guidelines remain in place for select facilities, including many long-term care organizations. The organization is expected to provide updated recommendations soon. [The current guidelines are available in full online.](#)

Upcoming OSBN Hearings and Listening Sessions: The Oregon State Board of Nursing seeks public input in several upcoming hearings and public listening sessions. Visit the [OSBN website](#) for dates, times, locations, and/or access information.

- May 22 at 1:30 PM: Division 45 Standards and Scope of Practice
- May 23 at 10:00 AM: Divisions 47 of the Nurse Practice Act
- May 30 at 10:00 AM: Possible CNA Consolidation

Telehealth Medication and Controlled Substances: Following more than 40,000 testimony submissions, Congress has paused discussions on [limiting controlled substance prescriptions](#) made via telehealth appointments for the next six months. This is another excellent example of how powerful our collective voices can be as healthcare professionals.

Essential Workforce Health Care Program Rulemaking: The Oregon Health Authority invites public input on the Essential Workforce Health Care Program and the potential of providing health insurance for numerous healthcare workers. Commentary is welcome through June 21, and [more information is available here.](#)

Nursing Education

Decline in National Nursing School Enrollment: The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) reported a [decrease in baccalaureate nursing program enrollment](#) nationwide. We discussed the numerous challenges that come with making nursing programs more accessible to both students and teaching faculty.

Events and Happenings

Last Call for the OCN Nurse Wellness Conference: Remember to grab your tickets for the upcoming OCN Nurse Wellness Conference, happening on Tuesday, May 23, in Salem, Oregon! Continuing education (CE) credits are available. Your last day to register is May 18. [Get your tickets today!](#)

NEXT HUDDLE:
FRIDAY, MAY 19, 8 A.M.

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