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FRIDAY HUDDLE

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

Nursing Workforce

The Friday Huddle Turns 5: Started during the COVID-19 pandemic as a way to connect virtually, the Friday Huddle has grown into an online community and weekly conversation! Thank you to all the Huddlers who shared their feedback and discussed what this community means to them. Missed the conversation? We invite the entire Friday Huddle mailing list to [share their suggestions and ideas in a quick survey](#).

Managing the Measles: As the number of measles cases continues to rise, the [Oregon Health Authority published a blog post](#) about essential information about the disease and vaccinations. The measles vaccine was first introduced in 1963 and is more commonly known as the MMR vaccine. Most adults have already received the vaccination in childhood, and [boosters are not always required for older adults](#).

Tracking Federal Executive Orders Impacting the Nursing Workforce: Huddlers also discussed how current executive orders have impacted the nursing workplace and education programs across the state. Attendees agreed that making informed decisions and strategic responses are essential. For example, CCNE is an excellent resource for educators and nursing programs to stay connected regarding compliance concerns and updates.

OHSU Roundtable on Hospital Capacity Crisis: Leaders at OHSU [spoke with the Portland Business Journal](#) about ongoing concerns for hospital capacity. According to the news outlet, hospitals across Oregon are operating at 85 percent patient capacity or more. Oregon is also known for having the “fewest hospital beds per capita of any state.”

Nursing Education

The Nurse Intern Role: Huddlers inquired about the nurse intern licensure and how facilities across the state are utilizing the role. Sky Lakes Medical Center is an [example of how the nurse intern role has been implemented](#) in an acute care setting. Meanwhile, organizations in the Portland area, including Kaiser Permanente, Legacy Health, and Providence, have yet to introduce similar programs. Created in 2021, the nurse intern license aimed to create paid learning opportunities for nursing students.

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, March 28, at 8:00 a.m.

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