Hello ONA Nurses at PSH:

Our strike begins in less than 72 hours. As we reach the homestretch, don’t forget to:

**Sign Up for As Many Picket Shifts as Possible.** The picket is the public expression of our strike. Having strong picket lines every day at PPMC, PHHH, and PSH is essential to winning our strike. Sign up at [oregonrn.org/strikeshift](http://oregonrn.org/strikeshift). We especially need folks on **Tuesday at 2 pm for our rally.** We are also lighter late in the week.

Our union has changed in recent years. We are the 4th, 5th, and 6th Providence bargaining units to authorize a strike in the last 14 months. In addition to organizing to demand more at the bargaining table, we have organized to include professionals in the Home Health & Hospice bargaining unit, nurses and providers at the Providence Women’s Clinics have voted to form a union, ED doctors in Medford have voted to form a union, and last week 81 hospitalists at Providence St. Vincent filed for a union election.

Healthcare workers are on the march, and we are leading the way from the North Coast! Providence is still a largely non-union healthcare system, and they appear to desperately want to keep it that way. If people start believing in themselves, if people start winning things, if people start demanding accountability from the top executives, they will lose the near complete control and domination they currently exercise. That appears to be unacceptable to them.
End of Our Strike

At the conclusion of our historic strike, we will gather to celebrate our unity and enjoy comradery before we return to work. Join us at the American Legion on Friday, June 23 at 7:30p (21+).

We are on the verge of taking unprecedented action against Oregon’s largest health care system—across the state and across the continuum of care. They have been working overtime this week to implant the idea that health care workers together cannot win by joining together and taking a stand. We know differently, and at the end of next week, they will too. Hold strong!

For more important reflections on what’s at stake and how to interpret Providence’s actions this week, read a note from our colleagues at PPMC.

In Unity,

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