COVID-19 Update #2

Your Oregon Nurses Association (ONA)/Providence Newberg Medical Center (PNMC) bargaining team and labor representative has worked on a comprehensive COVID-19 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) proposal, as promised in our last March 27 PNMC newsletter.

We sent our comprehensive proposal to administration on April 13, 2020. You can review the entire proposal here, or go to www.OregonRN/PNMC and follow the link.

Meanwhile, all of the economic provisions outlined in the March 27 PNMC newsletter are fully enforced.

You can review the entire signed Interim MOU here, or go to www.OregonRN/PNMC and follow the newsletter link.

Pre-Negotiation Survey and Upcoming Contract Negotiations

Our pre-negotiation survey for contract bargaining has been open for over two months now.

Initially we only opened this for members due to our bylaws but have decided in recent weeks that we would like everyone’s input so that we can build a stronger union and get a great contract!

If you have not filled out the survey, please do so today. Survey link click here, or go to www.SurveyMonkey.com/r/2020ONAPNMCPreNegSvy. We will be closing the survey on April 20, 2020.

We have negotiations scheduled to commence on May 5, 2020. Due to COVID-19, we will be meeting virtually.

George Fox Students Available to Help

Students at George Fox University created a student volunteer network of physical therapy students, nursing students and physical therapy assistant students from around the area to help healthcare workers at PNMC.

They are hoping to serve us on the front lines with daily activities such as grocery delivery, meal prep, pet walking, yard work, or anything we might need.

Here is their website: sites.google.com/georgefox.edu/covid-19studentvolunteer explaining their mission and how to sign up.
Petition to Governor Brown to Stand with Health Care Workers

Oregon nurses and frontline health care workers are risking their lives everyday to save patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, far too many of our hospitals and facilities are not protecting us.

For more than a month, frontline Oregon health care workers and their unions have fought 24/7 for the minimum of COVID-19 protections. However, the vast majority of hospitals, clinics, and health care facilities in Oregon have refused to agree to emergency COVID-19 protections for health care workers. After our courageous health care workers helped flatten the curve to delay Oregon’s surge, it is critical that employers treat their workers with the respect and dignity they deserve and do everything in their power to protect nurses, first responders and all essential workers.

That's why we're asking Governor Kate Brown to insist that health care employers come to the table with their workers and get COVID-19 protections in place before the lives of Oregon health care providers are lost.

Stand with frontline health care workers in Oregon. Sign the petition to urge Governor Brown to intervene in this extraordinary public health and workers’ rights emergency.

Click here to sign the petition or visit www.OregonRN.org/Coronavirus

Upcoming Steward Training Cancelled

We had a regional Providence steward training scheduled for April 22, 2020 in Newberg. Due to COVID-19, we are cancelling this in person training for safety reasons. However, we are currently discussing how we can hold a steward training virtually. Stay tuned for more information!