Providence Portland Update – June 12, 2023

Your Most Common Questions Answered

All,

We have been extremely disappointed and disheartened by Providence’s refusal to continue bargaining with our union to make every to honor their nurses and avert a strike. If Providence really cared about stabilizing operations to care for patients, let alone responding to the needs of nurses, they would reach an agreement with the people who can run this hospital better than anyone else on this planet. We have been in contact with the federal mediator, Oregon’s Governor, and other elected officials about Providence’s shameful refusal to bargain.

Today our union filed unfair labor practices (ULPs) over Providence’s refusal to negotiate and their interference with our labor representative communicating with nurses on site. If Providence executives are unwilling to be accountable to the law, they aren’t fit to lead. Of course, our union remains willing to meet and reach an agreement that will recruit and retain critical nursing experience and recognizes our commitment to this company.

Answers to your questions

We are moved by your unwavering commitment to stand together, and we know folks have lots of questions about details. Follow the hyperlinks to a Frequently Asked Questions document that should answer the majority of your questions, and another document specifically about patient handoff for those working from June 18 into June 19. If you have additional questions, please reach out to a member of the bargaining team or Labor Representative Seth Moore.
Providence Park Leafletting at Portland Timbers Game

Last night, over a dozen nurses and clinicians gathered to leaflet the Portland Timbers game and called on Providence to return to the bargaining table and reach a fair agreement with nurses. We were heartened by the vast community support in the face of Providence's union-busting tactics, and we look forward to feeling that support even further on the picket line.

We'll have more information out in the coming days, and thanks for your continued support!