COVID-19 Discussion Continues

Your Oregon Nurses Association (ONA)/Legacy Unity Center for Behavioral Health (UBHC) bargaining team met with management today and we spent most of our short session discussing Legacy’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We brought forward the concerns our colleagues have shared with us related to the safety of patients and staff. We urged Legacy to come up to the community standard of offering front-line, essential employees additional sick leave time during this pandemic.

We asked questions about Legacy’s masking policy and asked for clarification on what happens to the surgical masks when we turn them in at the end of the shift to be “reprocessed.” They did not have answers to these questions available but did commit to find answers to these questions and provide us with a response.

We continue to advocate for effective procedures for cleaning the unit, cohorting patients and staff, and making overall improvements to staff communication.

Next Tuesday, April 14, we will return to virtual bargaining of our ONA/UBCH union contract and further discuss our COVID-related proposals.

Upcoming Bargaining Dates

Please stay in contact with your bargaining team to hear the latest on bargaining, ask questions and share feedback.

- Tuesday, April 14
- Tuesday, April 21
- Wednesday, April 29
- Thursday, May 7
- Friday, May 29

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Every Tuesday night shift and Wednesday day shift, we will be wearing black to show solidarity with each other and support for our bargaining team. Next Tuesday night / Wednesday day, we’ll be wearing black to show Legacy management we deserve the same sick leave that ONA nurses have won at Providence, OHSU, Kaiser, and other Oregon health employers.