

SAVE THE DATE!

RALLY FOR CARE!

Thursday, August 6, 2020

11 A.M. to 1 P.M. at FVRMC

Our Shop Stewards and Bargaining Team call on all members and FVRMC staff, including RNs, to unite and stand up for our safety and that of our patients.

As of July 23, Orange County has the second-highest COVID-19 infection rate in California. Over the last two weeks there has been a daily census between 85 and 106 positives and PUIs in the hospital.

Josh Jesus in Radiology said, "Each week, we learn of more members who have become ill and an increasingly high COVID/PUI census. We have learned that we cannot rely on the hospital or the CDC to protect us."

Everyone is urged to attend the August 6 rally and help spread the word about the event! We will share the results of our COVID survey, which document members' major concerns and the impact COVID has had on them and their families. Please complete our COVID-19 survey. [NUHW.org/Survey](https://nuhw.org/survey) *La encuesta también está disponible en español.*

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INVESTIGATES FVRMC Following our July 2 press conference, we filed multiple complaints with the OC Department of Public Health and the OC Health Care Agency.

Binh Pham, Assistant Physical Therapist, said, "Since we called the health department, investigators have been in each week to enforce the changes they said the hospital needed to make. It's less chaotic now, beds are cleared from the halls, patients are being placed in appropriate units – and everyone recognizes that it was because of our work."

THERE'S MUCH MORE TO DO TO SAVE LIVES. We must continue to document and report unsafe conditions at www.nuhw.org/ota. Bookmark this link in your phone to easily document unsafe issues at work.

EVS WORKERS CHASE DOWN KEN MCFARLAND: In response to the change in policy on how to clean COVID-19 patient rooms, a group of EVS workers and Shop Stewards sent a delegation to Ken McFarland to talk about safety issues. He refused to meet with them.

RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS WIN CRISIS PAY FOR EXTRA SHIFTS: Respiratory Therapists weren't interested in picking up additional shifts due to severe short staffing and an significant increase in COVID-19 census. They circulated a petition demanding changes in staffing ratios and implementation of incentives for picking up additional shifts. On July 22, management agreed to pay \$250 on a fourth shift worked. RTs will keep fighting to improve staffing issues.



TAKE ACTION NOW!

COVID Survey results will be shared at the August 6 Rally, so please fill it out now! Please complete the survey:

[NUHW.org/Survey](https://nuhw.org/survey)

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Are you a Respiratory Therapist?

Sign the petition to demand safer working conditions:

nuhw.org/fv-resp-petition

WE'RE IN THE NEWS...AGAIN!

NUHW members at Kindred Hospital Westminster held a picket line protesting unsafe conditions and demanding hazard pay. The event was covered by print and broadcast media including *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Orange County Register*, *Voice of OC*, *Univision*, and *KTLA*.

TOGETHER WE CARE ... UNITED WE STAND

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