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Media Advisory

Ohio Nurses Association is Sounding the Alarm

WHAT: CODE RED is a multifaceted, multiyear campaign, involving over 100 AFT Healthcare affiliates throughout the country who will focus on the issue of inadequate staffing to hold healthcare corporations and the government accountable. Ohio Nurses Association is sounding the alarm that understaffing in Ohio hospitals equals a patient care crisis that must be addressed. The ONA CODE RED campaign focuses on five strategic areas, including staffing levels, working conditions, pipeline, corporate trends, and trust and agency. Staffing levels have a significant impact on patient outcomes, and nurses play a critical role in advocating for safe staffing ratios. Our campaign will be laser-focused on promoting safe staffing ratios and leveraging employers and lawmakers to implement the staffing ratios our nurses need, and our patients deserve.

WHO: Robert Weitzel, RN, President, Ohio Nurses Association  
Kelly Nedrow, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Ohio Nurses Association  
Kim Plants, RN, Ashtabula County Medical Center  
Catharyne Henderson, RN, OSU James Cancer Hospital  
Jill Burd, RN, Lima Memorial Health System  
Anthony Caldwell, Director of Governmental Affairs and Political Advocacy, Ohio Nurses Association

WHEN: May 23, 2023, at 10am

WHERE: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81424927896  
(The press conference will also be posted on ONA’s Facebook page following the CODE RED press conference)

WHY: Ohio Nurses and frontline health care workers are calling on the Ohio Legislature and healthcare corporations to take action to stop the flood of staff leaving Ohio’s acute care settings due to burnout, exhaustion, and the moral injury associated with unsafe levels of staffing in our state’s hospitals. Ohio hospitals are in crisis and in dire need of reform.