



### KASC Update

Thank you, all, for your continued hard work to keep KP patients safe and for working under difficult circumstances. I followed up with KASC leadership this morning about the on-going staffing and workload challenges, particularly at Franklin.

Leadership acknowledges that we are down staff in the department, and they are currently hiring for the vacancies in the department. In addition, they have had to close ORs in May and are exploring similar options for June. Management believes sick calls are driving some of the staffing issues in the department.

Here are a few things in motion:

- They are down 5 RNs, two of which are filled and started; another starts on 6/27; add'l two RNs are submitted for approval.
- 4 travel RNs, backfilling mainly for techs at this time (due to tech shortage).
- The company was able to get an additional FTE as a liaison for SPD to help fetch instruments from SPD.
- In addition, they are awaiting a report from the PI department, and they will follow up to get that.
- Liz Reimann is going to try to attend the staff meeting on 6/17, as she's out for a couple of weeks starting later this week.

We will continue to advocate for additional support. Please make sure you touch base with your stewards and reps, so that we can get issues addressed.

In unity,  
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