

FAQs about Executive Orders for FHM and OPS Instructors

1. What is AWHONN doing around the Executive Orders from President Trump?
 - a. AWHONN staff has been monitoring the Trump Administration's executive orders as they are issued and attempting to determine whether each will have an impact on perinatal healthcare and how best to respond. AWHONN will advise on how best to respond.
 - b. AWHONN is assessing the needs for the membership around these orders and building education materials (i.e. trainings, webinars, resources) to help the membership better understand how these orders impact them and how best to navigate the change.
 - c. AWHONN has built a landing page to share the information that was removed from the CDC websites. Additionally, AWHONN continues to circulate resources to assist members in providing equitable and evidence-based care.
 - d. AWHONN is preemptively assessing risk and both the usefulness and utility of our materials related to current orders and legislation
2. There are words in the presentation (equity, disparity, pregnant person) that I thought were now illegal to use. Why are you using them?
 - a. Thanks to the First Amendment freedom of speech, no words are illegal. A president's executive orders are not laws. Rather, they are instructions to the personnel of the Executive Branch of the government as to how to do their jobs. They do not apply to private citizens or organizations like AWHONN. You should continue to provide care that reflects the values of respect, empathy, and evidence-based practice.

Reminder, as instructors, you represent AWHONN while teaching an AWHONN Course, and we ask you to refrain from discussing political issues during the course of the class.

As part of our commitment to providing a professional and inclusive learning environment, we kindly remind all instructors to keep course discussions focused on the designated curriculum and avoid political discussions during instruction. Our courses are designed to support evidence-based learning and professional development in nursing. To ensure that all participants feel comfortable and engaged, we ask that personal political views or discussions not be included in course presentations or interactions. If questions or topics arise that may lead into political discussions, please redirect the conversation back to the course content. Should any concerns arise, feel free to reach out to fhm@awhonn.org or opsinquiries@awhonn.org for guidance.