

# **Media Advisory**

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## **Nurses at Einstein Medical Center-Philadelphia to Picket Outside the Hospital THIS THURSDAY, MAY 11TH to Call Attention to Severe Short-Staffing Inside the Hospital That Hurts Both Patients and Caregivers**

**Philadelphia, PA** – At Einstein Medical Center-Philadelphia, where nearly 1,000 unionized nurses are currently negotiating a new contract with Jefferson Health after their existing contract expired on April 30th, tensions are high, respect for caregivers is low, and patient care is suffering. At the core of the nurses' negotiations are key quality of care issues like safe staffing, recruitment and retention, and workplace violence prevention.

The nurses will hold an informational picket **THIS THURSDAY** to alert the community to the situation inside the hospital and to show Jefferson that they will stand together to do whatever it takes to protect their patients and to put hospital administration on notice for treating the nurses with utter disrespect.

See attached Issues Summary for more information.

### **INFORMATIONAL PICKET** **Einstein Nurses United**

#### **WHEN:**

Thursday, May 11, 2022

The nurses will picket at three different times throughout the day:

**6:30 - 8:30 AM (REVISED TIME) — 11 AM - 1 PM — 3:30 - 5:30 PM**

**RALLY/SPEECHES: NOON – PRESS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS INVITED**

#### **WHERE:**

5501 Old York Road, Philadelphia, PA 19141

Outside the hospital

#### **WHAT:**

An informational picket is an event that helps raise community awareness.

#### **WHY:**

Seasoned caregivers have been leaving ENU in droves due to unsafe conditions at the bedside, and staff vacancy rates are dangerously high. From January of 2022 through March of 2023 roughly 280 RNs have quit Einstein Philadelphia. This number does not include RNs who transferred out of the Philadelphia campus to work at other Jefferson system locations. Staff shortages hurt patient care. This turnover has created over 300 vacant union nursing positions in the hospital and the vacancy rate is unsustainable.

*Einstein Nurses United is an affiliate of PASNAP, the Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals, which represents 9,000 frontline nurses and healthcare professionals across Pennsylvania.*