



Dear Union Members,

March 25 Lobby Day report back



Hundreds of SEIU Local 73 members and their families descended on the Illinois State Capitol Building to demand legislators pass legislation directly impacting their jobs and their livelihoods. In addition to our other demands, UIC workers demanded that legislators invest in University of Illinois workers' wages and benefits rather than administrator salaries and capital development. We also demanded that legislators support our fight to expand paid parental leave to twelve weeks. Help fund these political fights and future fights by [contributing to COPE today](#). [Read more about Lobby Day](#).

UIH Health & Safety Meeting Report Back

On March 20, your stewards and chief stewards met with UIC Labor Relations and UIH Employee Relations to raise health and safety concerns.

- Nurse Techs (NTs) raised concerns regarding UIH's increased reliance on floating, the lack of training for floats outside of their home unit, and unsafe workloads of more than 10 patients, all of which impact patient and staff safety and quality care. With over 40 NTs documenting their work assignments almost daily over the last three months, the workers gathered data showing these trends. The workers shared this and presented the following data to UIH and requested that the representatives from the Nursing Care Committee attend the next health and safety meeting to discuss and respond to these concerns.
 - Non-NRO NTs are floated out of their home unit for every 1 of 4 assignments, often floating multiple times a day to different units.
 - For over half of the assignments documented, NTs were assigned unsafe workloads of more than 10 patients.
 - Patient ratios are at their worst in the ICUs, where NTs are covering more than 16 patients for every 1 of 4 assignments.
- Workers raised several concerns about the limited presence of security at key hallways leading out of the hospital and into other UIH buildings and clinics, specifically emphasizing concerns experienced by clerical and front desk staff in the Neuropsychic building.

Our next Labor Management meeting is scheduled for April 8, and our next Health and Safety meeting is scheduled for May 6.

2025 Tabling Dates

We have secured monthly tabling dates on the Chicago East & West campus through May 2025. Please see [this flyer](#) for a list of all the tabling dates.

Our upcoming tabling dates are:

- Apr 16: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted St.
- Apr 17: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Specialty Care Building, 1009 S Wood St, Room 2105
- May 14: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted St.
- May 15: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Specialty Care Building, 1009 S Wood St, Room 2105



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