



## Media Advisory

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## UCLA Medical Center Nurses to Hold Protest Calling on UC to Provide Safe Staffing and Stronger Workplace Protections

On Wednesday, July 21, nurses from UCLA Medical Center will join University of California (UC) nurses across the state in actions to demand the university address ongoing staffing and patient safety issues highlighted by the Covid-19 pandemic, announced California Nurses Association/National Nurses United (CNA/NNU) today. UCLA nurses will speak out about patient care and safe staffing issues and deliver a petition, signed by thousands of UC nurses, demanding UC management prioritize patient care over profits.

“UC nurses are committed to providing the highest standards of care to our patients,” said David Yamada, RN at UCLA Medical Center. “At the same time, we have had to continuously fight university management for the safe staffing, workplace protections, PPE, and access to testing that we deserve. UC management publicly calls us ‘heroes’ while in our facilities we are facing increasing attempts to erode the working conditions and patient care standards that we have fought for and won.”

**What:** UCLA RN Protest for Safe Staffing

**When:** Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

**Where:** UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center, [757 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA90096](#)

*If you are interested in sending a camera crew to the action or in learning more about the situation at UCLA, registered nurses will be available at the event to speak to the press.*

This protest is part of a national day of action by RN members of National Nurses United (NNU)—to demand employers address problems highlighted by the Covid-19 pandemic and prioritize patient safety and workplace protections.

On Tuesday, July 20, UC nurses presented a copy of the signed petitions to UC President Michael Drake and the UC Board of Regents during the July regents meeting, held virtually. On Wednesday, July 21, UCLA nurses will present petitions in person to UCLA executives.

Nurses will strictly adhere to our safety protocol for such events, including staying outdoors, wearing masks, and maintaining social distancing, among other measures.

**Media:** Please observe masking and distancing practices when interacting with nurses.

*California Nurses Association represents more than 16,000 nurses in the University of California health system and is affiliated with National Nurses United, the nation’s largest and fastest-growing union and professional association of nurses, with more than 175,000 members nationwide.*

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