Informational Picket FAQ

Is informational picketing really necessary? While we were hopeful we could reach a fair agreement, we’re still far apart on key issues. By picketing, we draw community attention to our concerns and put public pressure on the employer to give our concerns the attention they deserve.

Is this anything like a strike? No. Informational picketing is not a strike. It is a demonstration of solidarity on non-work hours to share information about our struggles with our community. There is no work stoppage. If you are scheduled to work, you go to work. You can join the picket line on your break and lunch.

Is picketing legal? Informational picketing is a legal tactic in support of our negotiations as long as we give the employer ten days’ notice and keep our picket lines on public sidewalks around the hospital.

What would I have to do? Join the picket line, hold a sign, and walk with your colleagues, friends and family in support of a fair contract. Whether it’s your day off or whether you’re joining during a break or before/after your work day— we’ll need you there. And bring a friend with you.

Can I get in trouble for participating? No. It’s a protected right under federal law. CMH cannot discipline you for talking about or participating in an informational picket. This is protected concerted activity under the National Labor Relations Act. It’s also illegal for managers to talk to employees about the action or question you about plans to participate.

CMH Info Picket

Join your nurse colleagues on the picket line for an informational picket on Tuesday, Aug. 20. If we continue to stand together, we know we will reach a fair agreement!

We encourage all nurses to recruit family, friends, and fellow SEIU members to sign up on that form as well to attend. We will also be joined by our colleagues in SEIU.

Tuesday, August 20
7-8 a.m., 12-1 p.m.
and 4:30-6:30 p.m.
at the intersection of Exchange Street and Highway 30

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