

# JOIN US FOR OUR NURSES WEEK EVENT ON MAY 8

*Calling for a Union Voice for ALL Essential Workers!*



This year Madison RNs are marking Nurses Week by telling our elected officials what we experienced during the pandemic, and what they can do to show their appreciation. Join us May 8 as we call on the public to recognize our sacrifices by standing with us in our fight for a union voice for essential workers!

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 8th, 11am – 12:30pm

**WHERE:** Wisconsin State Capitol, Outside the State St. entrance, Madison

**WHO:** Nurses from UW, St. Mary's and Meriter hospitals, healthcare and other essential workers, elected officials, clergy, labor movement allies and community supporters

**RSVP AT OUR FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE:** [bit.ly/may8nursesweekevent](https://bit.ly/may8nursesweekevent)

*Masks and social distancing will be required—free masks and hand sanitizer will be distributed.*

During the pandemic, essential workers—including nurses—risked our lives and our families' lives to provide quality, compassionate care to our community. We're facing extreme physical, mental and emotional exhaustion and burnout. At Meriter, because nurses have the right to negotiate a union contract, we were able to recently achieve a groundbreaking agreement which ensures we have the time we need to heal; that we are valued for our sacrifices; and that we have a real voice in public health emergencies moving forward.

But thousands of nurses at UW and St. Mary's Hospitals do not have a union, and so they have had no meaningful way to address their serious concerns or advocate effectively for themselves, their families and their patients. The pandemic revealed how little power nurses have over their working conditions, and renewed their desire to advocate for themselves in union contract negotiations directly with their employers. Meriter nurses are standing united with our colleagues at UW and St. Mary's to declare that we will not stop until ALL nurses and essential workers have union rights for a better future. ***Stand with us on May 8!***

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