



AFSCME Service Unit Employees Call for Strike July 14-18

AFSCME-represented Service Unit employees have recently called for a five-day strike, anticipated to take place July 14-18. This group of employees includes bus and truck drivers, custodians, cafeteria workers, material handlers, laborers, and other service-related occupations.

The University of California has been negotiating for eight months with AFSCME for a new contract. Although negotiations continue, AFSCME has voted to strike throughout the UC system, including its 10 campuses and five medical centers.

In order to ensure that the Lab's business needs are met during this strike, employees are expected to report for work as scheduled on the anticipated strike days (July 14-18). Unless previously approved, vacation requests for the strike days may be denied except under exceptional circumstances. Employees who call in sick during the strike will be required to present medical documentation upon their return in order to be paid sick leave. Employees who miss work without advance approval will not be paid.

Additional articles about the strike will appear in *Today at Berkeley Lab* over the next week, and there will be further communications with supervisors and employees. For more information, contact your [HR Center](#).