



Union Member - here is your October, 2021 e-newsletter (with updates since early September):

### **[Calling for Safe Patient Limits in State Facilities](#)** \*

Activists in early October responded to Governor Ned Lamont's threat to displace frontline essential state employees over COVID-19 vaccine and testing compliance issues. [Click here for a report on public employee union members seizing the opportunity to spotlight unsafe staffing conditions.](#)

### **[Lifting Up Vital Non-Certified Support Staff](#)** \*

The state legislature's education committee House co-chair tackled members' questions about issues impacting paraprofessionals and school-related personnel (PSRPs) in our latest podcast episode. [Click here to hear his interview with AFT Connecticut President Jan Hochadel and PSRP union leader Shellye Davis.](#)

### **[Amplifying the Demand to Value Public Higher Education](#)**

Faculty and support staff at Connecticut's community colleges and state universities in late September turned-up the call for fairness in current contract negotiations. [Click here for photos from the mass demonstration where they connected working conditions to their students' learning conditions.](#)

### **[Making the Case for Real Pandemic Hazard Pay](#)** \*

Labor activists and safety advocates in early September publicly called on elected officials to step up for essential workers on the pandemic's frontlines. [Click here to watch a healthcare union leader add her voice to the collective demand for hazard pay.](#)

## Upcoming Activities & Events

- October 12: [PreK-12/PSRP "Para & Teacher Collaboration" Webinar](#)
- October 23: [Teachers' Pre-Retirement Webinar](#)
- October 25: [Joint Unions "Ask the Commissioner" Public Ed Professionals Virtual Forum](#)
- October 25: [Diversity & Inclusion in Healthcare Virtual Workshop](#)
- October 28-29: [Connecticut AFL-CIO 2021 Constitutional Convention](#)
- November 2: [Municipal General Election Day](#) \*
- November 4: [PreK-12 & PSRP "Legal Issues" Training Webinar](#)
- November 5: [ConnectiCOSH Annual Health and Safety Virtual Convention](#)

## Featured Benefit

- Union Plus: [2022 Scholarships](#)

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