

Preparing for Support Staff labour action

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You may have seen that the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) has issued a strike notice to Ontario polytechnics and colleges.

This means that Full-Time Support Staff at Seneca Polytechnic and across the province will be in a position to take labour action as of 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11.

If there is a full strike, Seneca will remain open, and classes will proceed as scheduled.

All Seneca campuses will remain open and services will continue to be offered in person and online.

If a strike happens, you will want to regularly visit MySeneca for the latest updates.

In addition, we recommend you download the Seneca SAFE app if you haven't already. On the app, we will post helpful guidelines for coming to campus and crossing picket lines.

FAQs

These FAQs were last updated on Monday, Sept. 8. Please keep checking back for the latest updates.

What strike is taking place?

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), representing Full-Time Support Staff at Ontario polytechnics and colleges has decided to strike. They will be in a position to strike as of 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11.

Classes will continue as scheduled and campuses will remain open.

How long would a labour action last?

We can't predict how long a labour action would last.

When and where do we anticipate picketing will occur on each campus?

These are the anticipated picketing times at Seneca campuses. Individuals travelling to one of these campuses should anticipate potential delays entering and exiting campuses during these hours, and plan accordingly.

King

- Scheduled picketing times: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Location: Gravel sidewalk along roadway entrance to campus

Newnham

- Scheduled picketing times: 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Location: public sidewalks at Finch Ave. and Au Large Blvd. and at Don Mills Rd. and Premier Davis Blvd.
- We recommend people traveling to Newnham enter the campus through Au Large, traveling directly from Seneca Hill Dr. in a northbound direction. This may allow drivers to avoid picketing delays that come from turning left or right onto Au Large

Peterborough

- No picketing to occur

Seneca@York

- Scheduled picketing times: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Location: public sidewalk adjacent to building

Will accessing Seneca campuses by public transit be impacted by a labour action?

Public transit to Newnham and Seneca@York would not be impacted by a labour action. On King Campus, York Region Transit (YRT) will be re-routing to avoid delays during a labour action.

Will Seneca shuttle services be impacted if there is a labour action?

No. We do not anticipate any changes to our shuttle routes or schedules in the event of a labour action. However, we do recommend building in extra travel time to avoid any unforeseen delays. We will communicate any updates on MySeneca if there are any changes.

Would a labour action impact student parking on campus?

Individuals entering and exiting Seneca campuses may encounter delays due to picketers.

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