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|  **SAVE THE DATE!****Mark Your Calendars! Brooklyn Needs Downstate Rally February 29, 2024, 12 PM at SUNY Downstate!** SUNY is pursuing a plan that will ultimately close SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University Hospital (SUNY Downstate Hospital). This plan is poor public policy, which will reduce health care in Brooklyn, undermine the hospital’s central mission, and harm the Brooklyn communities it serves. Furthermore SUNY’s “transformation” plan for Downstate will negatively impact medical education, which provides a pipeline of doctors and medical professionals to New York hospitals statewide. While this is a plan that directly impacts our Downstate members, it will no doubt have a ripple effect on the health care available to all New Yorkers.  Additionally, if SUNY were to execute a plan that closes a major facility in the system, many SUNY campuses could become vulnerable to a similar outcome.   UUP members work every day to improve, support, and protect the lives of patients at SUNY Downstate Hospital – and together we can remind New York State that an attack on one is an attack on all! I am calling on UUP members across the state to stand together in the fight to stop the closure of SUNY Downstate. This hospital serves the unique needs of Brooklyn and New York City, will YOU stand with your colleagues to stop the closure of SUNY Downstate Hospital? **Brooklyn Needs Downstate Rally!****WHEN:**Feb. 29, 2024 at Noon!**WHERE:**SUNY Downstate, 450 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY**REGISTER TODAY**[**HERE**](https://forms.gle/BnDfpqxw4oVGnp1s8)**!**Buses and other available travel-related accommodations are noted on the [rally registration page](https://forms.gle/BnDfpqxw4oVGnp1s8)! Please note that buses will only be available if we have enough people **registered by Feb. 14th to get on the bus!**   Visit the Brooklyn Needs Downstate campaign webpage for more actions and information by going to: <https://uupinfo.org/BrooklynNeedsDownstate/> Thank you all for joining together to make sure that our voices are heard! In solidarity,                                                          Frederick. E. Kowal, Ph.D.,                                   President       United University Professions  |

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