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Union Cannabis Workers at Bloom Medicinals to stage walk-out, demand workplace changes

Employees at Bloom Medicinals will stage a one-day walkout at their O'Fallon location after their company announced multiple workplace policy changes and continues to delay bargaining with the employee's designated union representatives.

In July of 2022, Bloom employees voted overwhelmingly for union representation through United Food & Commercial Workers Local 655, the state's largest private-sector local and the only union to organize cannabis workers in Missouri.

Since July, representatives from Bloom have delayed negotiations numerous times. During that time, they've made changes to employee policies without bargaining with UFCW officials in violation of labor regulations.

Most recently, Bloom announced that employees would be required to work without compensation — a clear violation of the law. UFCW Local 655 has filed Unfair Labor Practice charges with the National Labor Relations Board.

Bloom employees will shut down their location for the entire day as they make their demands. They will be joined by their fellow UFCW partners as well as other workers showing solidarity for their efforts.

- WHAT:** Cannabis worker walkout to demand better working conditions and a union contract
- WHEN:** Monday, January 2, 2022 at 11am
- WHERE:** Bloom Medicinals at 6700 Highway N, St. Charles, MO 63304
- WHY:** To protest unfair labor practices and demand a union contract
- WHO:** Bloom workers along with other worker advocates, employees and union leaders will be made available to the press.

UFCW Local 655 is the largest union in the State of Missouri representing some 9,000 members working in the 46 counties throughout the eastern half of Missouri. Local 655's members are employed in food stores (its largest single division), shoe manufacturing, packinghouses, distribution centers, and medical cannabis facilities.

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