

## St. John's nurses vote out union

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[St. John's Mercy Medical Center's](#) registered nurses voted to decertify the union, [United Food and Commercial Workers Local 655](#), and become free of the organization's representation, the hospital said Saturday.

[In June](#), Denny DeNarvaez, chief executive of the 979-bed Creve Coeur hospital, said local agents from the [National Labor Relations Board](#) would conduct a secret-ballot election Aug. 8-11 on the St. John's campus.

The results of the election, conducted by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), were as follows:

- 685 voted for the Nurse Alliance, Service Employees International Union (SEIU);
- two voted for the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 655; and
- 1,026 voted "Neither," choosing not to continue union representation.

St. John's officials said in a release that it is expected that the NLRB regional director will certify the results within 10 days.

In a joint statement, DeNarvaez and Chris Crain, vice president and chief nurse executive, said: "We appreciate the support of our registered nurses, and look forward to working again directly with them. We need all of our nurses, physicians and other patient caregivers, along with our many co-workers behind the scenes, working together to continue the tradition of quality care for our patients."

St. John's Mercy Medical Center in Creve Coeur, Mo., is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, St. Louis region.