

The time is NOW for paid sick days for all workers in Illinois.

No one should have to choose between their health—or even their life—and their livelihood. Yet 1.5 million Illinoisans lack the right to a single paid sick day. As the

state reopens and people return to their workplaces, it is critical that workers can stay home without sacrificing their paycheck if they or their family members are sick. And it remains an essential right beyond our current public health emergency. **We need The Healthy Workplace Act**, which will ensure up to five paid sick days for thousands of workers across Illinois, to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses.

Take a few minutes each month to keep the pressure on our Illinois legislators to pass statewide paid sick days as soon as they reconvene in Springfield. (And don't worry—we will send a reminder each month along with bonus social content!)

Together, our voices are powerful and we can win paid sick days in 2020!

Act NOW for PAID Leave!

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A FEW MINUTES A MONTH COULD GIVE 1,500,000 ILLINOISANS PAID SICK DAYS

JULY: Sign and amplify our petition. Make sure your representatives know where you stand and then send the petition to 10 people you know.

AUGUST: Share your paid sick days support on social media. Use our graphics and messages below or craft something of your own! You can always tag your elected officials too.

SEPTEMBER: Tell us why paid sick days matter to you. How have paid sick days helped you? How does the lack of paid sick days impact you? Everyone has a paid sick time story to share.

OCTOBER: Send a letter directly to your state officials. When your legislators return to Springfield next month, make sure they have heard from you directly!

NOVEMBER: Call your State Senator and Representative. As state leaders return to Springfield for veto session, your ACTUAL voice could make all the difference.

SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS AND MESSAGING



Wash your hands, wear your mask, and support #PaidSickDays4IL for Illinois workers! Sign the petition NOW: [bitl.ly/ILSickDaysPetition](https://bit.ly/ILSickDaysPetition)



An additional **7 million** people became infected with the H1N1 flu in 2009 due to lack of paid sick days and other basic health protections.

Source: Institute for Women's Policy Research

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Paid sick time is a public health necessity because it prevents the spread of diseases like #COVID19 and the flu. We must pass #PaidSickDays4IL NOW!



How can working people stay home if they have to risk a paycheck or a job to do so? #COVID19 shows once and for all that we must have #PaidSickDays4IL NOW.



More than half of retail and grocery workers at large employers have no paid sick time. That's not just outrageous - it's dangerous. Illinois lawmakers must pass #PaidSickDays4IL to ensure all workers have basic protections.

[Download these images and more.](#)

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Look up your elected officials. Don't forget to look for your State Senator and State Representative.

Want to know more? **Read our facts** about The Healthy Workplace Act and **visit our webpage.**

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