**What workers need to know about COVID-19**

The coronavirus crisis has already had a major impact on our lives and most of us are willing to take difficult steps to protect ourselves, our communities, and our families.  But it can feel like, as workers, we’re being made to pay for the crisis while our employers ignore the impact COVID-19 may have on our health and our wallets.

**Sick pay**

* Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) is at least £118/week.
* If you have COVID-19 symptoms you can claim SSP

**Unemployment benefits**

* If you are not in work or have been fired, you can claim unemployment benefits
* The amount you receive is from the first day of your claim, so don’t delay and apply!
* If you have been employed for more than 2 years, you may be entitled to a redundancy payment

**What’s happening**

* Many employers have told staff to take annual leave or use our sick days if they need to self-isolate.
* Others have already cut hours and it’s likely that workplaces across the country may be shut for weeks.

**Now is the time to make our voices heard**

1. Speak to as many of your workmates with as possible

2. Arrange to meet up

3. Draw up a request regarding pay and benefits during the coronavirus crisis

4. Decide what you’ll do if the boss says no

5. Go to your boss together and present your demand

**Get in touch to talk about this and other issues.**

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