

Avoiding Coronavirus May Be a Luxury Some Workers Can't Afford

A sick day? Remote work? Not so easy if your job is at a restaurant, a day care center or a construction site.

Stay home from work if you get sick. See a doctor. Use a separate bathroom from the people you live with. Prepare for schools to close, and to work from home. These are [measures](#) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended to slow a coronavirus outbreak in the United States.

Yet these are much easier to do for certain people — in particular, high-earning professionals. Service industry workers, like those in restaurants, retail, child care and the gig economy, are much less likely to have paid sick days, the ability to work remotely or employer-provided health insurance...

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