

# Why Alice Thomas was forced to work sick

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## Milwaukee suffers when workers work sick

Over 80% of workers in the restaurant and hotel industry don't have paid sick time across our nation. That means workers in the service industry could pass illness, and workers themselves get sicker without treatment.

The public health of Milwaukee will benefit if sick residents stay home. Presenteeism, or working while sick, spreads virus like the flu. Help workers stay home if they're sick, by guaranteeing a minimum right to paid sick time. The Center for Disease Control recommends staying home when you're sick,\* and this is exactly the policy Moms have advised for generations!

## Don't force anyone to choose between their health and their job.

No one should have to choose between their income and their own well-being. Low-wage workers are the least likely to have paid sick time. Only 1 in four low-wage worker has a paid sick day. Workers are forced to choose between their own health and putting food on the table. That's not a choice anyone should have to make!



## GET INVOLVED TODAY:

Endorse the growing Paid Sick Days Campaign, speak out, join volunteers to put this on the ballot, or get more info: Call 274-0920 or 274-0923 or email [sangita@9to5.org](mailto:sangita@9to5.org) or [amys@9to5.org](mailto:amys@9to5.org)



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