

ORGANIZING YOUR WORKPLACE IN THE FACE OF THE CORONAVIRUS

1. Talk to co-workers.

- **Ask questions:** how is it going; what are the problems you are dealing with? Who else is having the same problems?
- **Ask:** what would solve that problem?
- **Say**—other people are feeling the same way. It doesn't have to be this way. If we act together we can change things.

2. Collect names and contact information. Create a shared contact list.

3. Bring people together—in small groups or larger group on line.

4. Decide on what your demands are and who has the power to make the change (the manager?the owner?). Are your demands: sanitized work spaces? Paid time off? Shutting down the workplace with full pay?

5. Use a petition (online) to bring co-workers together, inform them of what is happening and build support.

6. After presenting the petition to the boss, continue to build pressure through increasingly disruptive action (walk-ins- slow downs- walk outs).

7. Go public. Use social media to tell your story. Contact news media- they are looking for stories to tell.

Remember:

- **Your health and safety matters more than anything.** It is right and necessary to be angry about how you are being treated.
- **When you act together, you have the power.** The more of you that take action, the more afraid the boss will be.
- **Community support matters.** Your health and safety keeps the community safe and healthy. Reach out to the community for support.

