

Mayor Lightfoot says Chicago will support workers who are “doing the right thing, who are following the guidance, who are staying at home, and are worried that doing so will endanger their employment.” She said that “too many of our City’s low wage employees are going in because they’re afraid that their jobs won’t be protected.”

Last week, Mayor Lightfoot advised workers in Chicago to call 311 if we feel our employer is retaliating for COVID-19 related reasons. If you feel your employer is threatening you, your job is in jeopardy or that your health decisions are not respected, we’ve been asked to dial 311.

Instructions:

1. Dial 311. Stay on the line until the end of the recorded menu options and wait for an operator.
2. Let the operator know you are calling to report an issue with your employer and COVID retaliation. Sample scripts below:
 - a. *If you are a CTU Clerk, Tech Coordinator or other working from the school building:*

“Hi, I’d like to report my employer because I feel like they are not respecting my health decisions in regards to COVID. They are retaliating against us for conducting our work from home and forcing me to report in-person even though my work can be done remotely and an arbitrator has ruled that our workplace is unsafe. They’ve threatened to dock my pay or discipline me if I complete my work from home [and any other examples you’ve experienced].”

- b. *All other CTU members:*

“Hi, I’d like to report my employer because I feel like they are not respecting my coworkers’ health decisions in regards to COVID. They are retaliating against clerks and technology coordinators by threatening them with discipline or docking their pay for trying to work from home. I am working remotely. My coworkers are able to complete most of their work from home too and did it successfully for months. They shouldn’t be discriminated against or threatened for doing the right thing!”

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 3. The operator will ask for your name, the location and name of the business. You can provide your school’s information and/or 42 W Madison, Chicago Public Schools.