

How Covid-19 Affected My Job

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My Job at the Airport

Before the pandemic, I worked full-time at Logan International Airport in Boston. I work at the ABM Company as an assembler. I took orders and put all the sodas, liquor, water, milk, lemon, and ice in the cart. I also put the food in the meal cart. When everything was ready, I put it onto the truck. Then I went to the airport and delivered the food to the airplane.

In the past, I worked overtime every day for at least two hours. I used to work at least 50 hours per week. Now, I lost my hours due to Covid-19. My shift began slowly to go down from ten hours to six hours to four hours per day. Finally it went down to zero. All the international flights were shut down, and there were only a few local flights per day. I got laid off in mid-March.

Dangerous Work

I felt very upset about losing my job because I always did a great job preparing supplies for the flight attendants. But it is better for everyone that they stopped the flights. The coronavirus has spread all around the world. This makes my work very dangerous. When the plane stops at the airport, all of the passengers come out, and I need to go inside the plane to refill the cart. There is no fresh air inside the plane. I could easily catch the coronavirus.

How We Fight the Virus

If I go back to work, I will wear a facemask at all times and follow social distancing and health guidelines. The company will probably provide free protective equipment like facemasks, hand sanitizer, and alcohol wipes. Work will be different now, but we don't know yet exactly how it will be different.

Now, millions of people around the world



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have caught the coronavirus. Almost a million have died. I think this is very serious and people are feeling panic. I do my best to fight back against the virus. I continue to stay home and only go outside to buy groceries. I wash my hands, and I make sure not to touch my eyes, nose, or mouth when I go outside. When my family and I stay safe, we are helping to stop the spread of the virus.

AFTER YOU READ:

1. According to the author, what makes working on a plane dangerous?
2. What steps will the author take to stop the spread of the virus?