

CGT unions call on delivery platform couriers: Let you bikes self-isolate on Friday!

Encouraged by the government, several non-essential companies have continued to expose their workers to health risks since the outbreak of the Coronavirus crisis. Meal delivery platforms (Deliveroo, UberEats, etc ...) have maintained their activity; hence couriers continue to work. Weekly, they meet hundreds of people, including restaurant workers, customers, as well as colleagues, since waiting times create crowds in front of restaurants. Meal delivery staffs are therefore particularly exposed to the virus and represent potential carriers of the disease. This risk taking is absolutely unjustified since our activity does not in any way meet the "essential" needs of the population!

After over a week of silence, Deliveroo has deigned to send an email stating that they would provide couriers with masks but "availability is limited", whatever that may mean. What is the relevance of continuing this activity when all health professionals lack protective equipment? Moreover, in practice, health instructions cannot be followed: waiting time forces us to mingle with other couriers, and when delivering, we have to touch intercoms, door handles, etc. We do not even have water points where to wash our hands!

In these conditions, it is criminal to maintain deliveries for the sole profit of the various platforms. Therefore, we are asking platforms to stop operating during the crisis, and a replacement income of 100% of our usual pay for those out of work as a consequence, as well as for those still in work but with less activity as a result of restaurants closures and the introduction of curfews in some towns.

We want to be heard! At the call of CGT platform workers' union, we will stop work this Friday, March 27th and then Friday, April 3rd!