

Speak Out Now at Alta Bates 3-9-2020

Can't Get a Break

How ridiculous is it that nurses and other hospital workers work through their breaks? It's a major issue, and Alta Bates pays thousands of dollars every year for missed breaks. You know, if it weren't for the union contracts, Alta Bates would simply throw out breaks altogether. In practice, it's almost like they have! It seems like we workers at Alta Bates can't get a break!

The System Exposed

Health care workers are horrified to watch this coronavirus disaster unfold. How can anyone be so incompetent? Listen to Donald Trump talk about coronavirus – it's almost a bad comedy. He says he has a "gut feeling" everything is going to be all right. He contradicts doctors and health care experts in front of them during press conferences. This system, set up to serve the wealthy elite, is exposed – it does nothing to protect us. Trump is more worried about the health of the stock market than our health. If the system was run by us – the people who actually do the work – we would never stand aside and watch a disaster like this threaten our communities.

Have No Fear, Tax Cuts are Here!

On February 26, Trump put Vice President Mike Pence in charge of the epidemic response team, despite the fact that Pence has zero public health credentials and shows open contempt for science.

Two days after Trump's announcement, the *Washington Post* reported on a leak of some of the first ideas that Pence's team was thinking. They included a new set of corporate tax cuts and pressuring the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates for the banks. What does this have to do with coronavirus? In fair weather and foul, this is what the 1% are always after, so should we be surprised that they will take advantage of a crisis to get more?

Remote Area Medical

Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps (RAM) is a non-profit that sends mobile clinics into parts of the world where people have no access to health care – areas like the United States, where they now do at least 80% of their work. Though they started out with most of their work in Third World countries, it turns out that the richest country in the world has millions of people desperate for medical care.

Unflexible About Flex Time

Flex time – when things are slow and the hospital administration wants to send you home. They've been relying on it to keep within their budgets. So what happens now when coronavirus and fear of coronavirus puts the census through the roof? They've already cut things to the bone with staffing and relying on flex time made it worse. Things aren't very flexible with flex time.

Speak Out Now Forum: The Human Cost of Production: How Global Supply Chains Hurt Workers Everywhere

Join us for a discussion on the state of worker health and safety issues across the world and here in the Bay Area with Garrett Brown.

Saturday, April 4th, 7pm
(doors open at 6:30pm)
South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis St, Berkeley
(Close to Ashby BART)
\$5 admission – no one
turned away for lack of funds

Come Talk to Us:
We will be at Alta Bates
Wednesday 6:30am-8:00am and 2:00pm-3:30pm
and Friday 2:30-4:00

Health Insurance Company CEOs' Total Direct Compensation in 2015

	David Cordani, Cigna \$49.0 million (\$187,772 per day) 		Stephen Hemsley, UnitedHealth \$20.1 million (\$76,985 per day) 
	Michael Neidorff, Centene \$44.0 million (\$168,572 per day) 		Mark Bertolini, Aetna \$27.9 million (\$107,005 per day) 
	J. Mario Molina, Molina Healthcare \$8.0 million (\$30,769 per day) 		Joseph Swedisch, Anthem \$15.7 million (\$60,211 per day) 