



UC Center Sacramento

Front-line Essential Jobs in California

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12:00 - 1:00pm

In light of the community concerns regarding COVID-19, this talk will be given as a webinar. The link will be provided on November, 17th to those that have registered by 5:00 pm on Monday, November 16th at uccs.ucdavis.edu.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, there is growing concern about the essential workers who are still on the job and coming into frequent contact with customers and other workers, increasing their likelihood of exposure to the virus. Recent articles have examined the increased infection risk for workers in [hospitals](#), [home care](#), [nursing homes](#), [grocery stores](#), [warehouses](#), [meat processing plants](#), [trucking](#), and [public transit](#). Analysts are also [hypothesizing](#) that greater workplace exposure might be contributing to higher infection and mortality rates among workers of color. In this UCCS Speakers Series webinar, UC Berkeley Labor Center staff researcher Sarah Thomason will define essential jobs, examine who is most likely to work at them, and consider ways that policymakers might provide support to these workers that is more commensurate with their “essentiality.”



Sarah Thomason is a research and policy associate at the Labor Center, focusing on low-wage work. Before joining the Labor Center, she conducted research for National People’s Action, El Colegio de México, and the Insight Center for Community Economic Development. Sarah received a Master of Public Policy degree from UC Berkeley in 2013. Prior to graduate school, Sarah worked as an organizer on economic justice campaigns in Chicago, Yonkers, and New York City.

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