

Paid sick time law passes in NYC, veto overridden

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(AP)—New York City is becoming the most populous place in the United States to make businesses provide workers with paid sick time.

The City Council overrode a mayoral veto early Thursday to pass a law providing an estimated 1 million workers with up to five paid [sick days](#) annually. Hundreds of thousands of others would get unpaid sick time.

Paid sick time requirements are in place in Portland, Ore.; San Francisco; Seattle; Washington, D.C.; and the state of Connecticut.

Advocates say workers shouldn't have to choose between health and money. Supporters also say paid sick time can stop employees from spreading [germs](#) to customers and colleagues.

Opponents say such laws burden [small businesses](#). Critics also say the government should leave sick day arrangements to workers and bosses.

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