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Plaintiffs in *Palmer v. Amazon* COVID-19 Safety Suit Appeal to Second Circuit

This morning, the legal team representing Amazon workers and members of their households in a legal action against Amazon over COVID-19 safety at its JFK8 facility on Staten Island appealed the [district court's dismissal of the claims](#) on behalf of their clients.

They had this to say:

"Today, the plaintiffs in *Palmer v. Amazon* are appealing the district court decision granting Amazon's motion to dismiss the claims of workers at the company's JFK8 facility. We believe the district court was wrong not to give these workers and their family members a chance to prove that Amazon hasn't been following New York's minimum COVID safety requirements. As rates of COVID-19 climb to their highest points across the country, and before Black Friday and an especially busy online shopping season ahead, it's more important than ever that the courts remain a place where workers can hold powerful employers like Amazon to account for their safety practices.

The civil justice system, and not an Occupational Safety & Health Administration that has been AWOL throughout this crisis, is the right place for these JFK8 workers and members of their households to pursue their claims. Our clients seek policies that encourage taking adequate time to sanitize workplaces, true contact tracing, and clear communication from management about what Amazon workers should do if they're experiencing symptoms or believe they have been exposed. We are confident that the Second Circuit will reverse the district court's incorrect and dangerous decision."

- The legal team in *Palmer v. Amazon*: Make the Road New York, Public Justice, Terrell Marshall Law Group, and Towards Justice