

Updates around Immigration Courts and Agencies on COVID-19

ICE Offices at 630 Sansome and ISAP offices at 325 Pacific:

- As of March 18, 2020, all ICE check-ins at 630 Sansome St. and ISAP check ins at the offices at 325 Pacific are being rescheduled.
- Case specialists should be calling individuals to tell them not to report in person. Rescheduling notices will be sent to individuals and most check-ins in the near future will be done telephonically.
- Home visits by ISAP are suspended until further notice
- ICE enforcement actions are expected to continue. However, on March 18, 2020, ICE stated publicly that enforcement will be focused on people who are considered "public safety risks" or have criminal convictions for certain types of crimes (this includes most felonies, violent crimes, theft related crimes, firearms offenses and even minor drug related convictions)
- On March 18, 2020, ICE stated publicly that they will not carry out enforcement operations at or near health care facilities, such as hospitals, doctors' offices, accredited health clinics, and emergent or urgent care facilities, except in the most extraordinary of circumstances.

Recommendations to clients/community members:

- Do not go to 630 Sansome or 325 Pacific if you have a previously scheduled check in. Wait for a notice or a phone call with instructions on rescheduling.
- If you have questions about reporting or need to update ICE with your contact information (phone number and address), email at <u>SanFrancisco.Outreach@ice.dhs.gov</u> or by calling (**415**) **844-5512**
- Community members may still enter 630 Sansome to pay bonds for detained individuals, but only the person paying the bond will be admitted into the building. We recommend that a US citizen go to pay bond.
- Community members should not avoid seeking medical care because they fear civil immigration enforcement.
- If ICE officers come to your home, call the SF Hotline at **415-200-1548**.
 - Do not open the door
 - Tell them to slip the warrant under the door.
 - The warrant is only valid if it's signed by a U.S. judge & if the date, address is correct.
 - Please call the hotline as soon as possible so that we can:
 - Fill out an intake to have your information in order for us to be able to provide emergency legal representation in the situation that someone was detained
 - Send verifiers & document/record everything that is happening.
 - ICE will notice that they are being recorded, & our hope is that they will leave after noticing, since 90% of the time they do not have a valid/judicial warrant



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Immigration Court hearings at 100 Montgomery Street

- All non-detained hearings are cancelled through April 10. That includes both master and individual hearings. Hearings for detained individuals, including bond hearings, will continue at 630 Sansome St.
- The Sacramento Immigration Court is closed for hearings and filings

Recommendations to clients/community members:

- To find out the date when your court hearing will be rescheduled you can call **1-800-898-7180** or check online here: <u>https://portal.eoir.justice.gov/InfoSystem/Form?Language=EN</u>. However, due to the number of cases currently being rescheduled, expect delays in the updates to the electronic system
- If you have changed your address or telephone number since your last immigration hearing, fill out form EOIR-33 and send it to the court at 100 Montgomery St. Suite 800. A copy of the EOIR-33 must also be mailed to DHS at 100 Montgomery St. Suite 200. We also recommend individuals keep a copy for their records. The form is available here: https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/639921/download
- You can receive updates directly from the Immigration Court by following@DOJ_EOIR on Twitter

USCIS offices at 444 Washington St, 250 Broadway St., 630 Sansome St. or 75 Hawthorne:

- All USCIS field offices, asylum offices and Application Support Centers (ASCs) will not provide in-person services until at least April 1. This includes interviews, naturalization ceremonies and biometric collection appointments.
- Appointments to pick up decisions at the asylum office at 75 Hawthorne St. are cancelled. Applicants that have already had an asylum interview will be notified of the decision by mail.
- Application Support Centers including the SF office at 250 Broadway, are closed. All biometrics and fingerprint appointments will be rescheduled.
- Notices will be sent via mail with the rescheduled dates.

Recommendations to clients/community members:

- If you have changed your address or telephone number since your last contact with USCIS, please fill out form AR-11, which is available online here: <u>https://www.uscis.gov/ar-11</u>. This form can be completed online or printed out and mailed.
- If you have an emergency service request, please contact the <u>USCIS Contact Center</u>. <u>https://www.uscis.gov/contactcenter</u>