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***Bibliography for***

***Immigration, COVID-19, and our Community: A Town Hall***

*April 17, 2020*

On April 16, 2020, the Center for Immigrants’ Rights Clinic hosted an online town hall to provide key updates on immigration, COVID-19, and the community. The clinic presented on several topics: Immigration Services, Immigration enforcement and detention, Immigration courts, borders, U.S. Consulates and Embassies, Public benefits and food security, and the CARES Act. Director Massume Assaf shared updates on behalf of the Directorate of International Student & Scholar Advising (DISSA). In addition to the powerpoint slides, video footage from the town hall was [archived](https://psu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/Immigration%2C+COVID-19%2C+and+our+CommunityA+A+Town+Hall+/1_15xfieap) and can accessed on the [clinic’s web page](https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/immigration-time-of-trump#COVID-19).

**1. Immigration Services**

* **Which USCIS offices are closed?**

*What We Do*, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Servs. (Feb. 27, 2020), <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/what-we-do>.

*USCIS Response to Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)*, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Servs. (Apr. 1, 2020), <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/uscis-response-coronavirus-2019-covid-19>.

*USCIS Office Closings*, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Servs. (Apr. 10, 2020), <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/uscis-office-closings>.

* **What if I had a green card interview or an affirmative asylum interview scheduled in person during the time the USCIS office is closed? What if I had a biometrics (fingerprinting) appointment scheduled during the time that offices are closed? What about DACA?**

*USCIS Response to Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)*, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Servs. (Apr. 1, 2020), <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/uscis-response-coronavirus-2019-covid-19>.

* **What if I am a nonimmigrant and my status is set to expire before I can leave the United States?**

*COVID-19 Delays in Extension/Change of Status Filings*, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Servs. (Apr. 13, 2020), <https://www.uscis.gov/news/alerts/covid-19-delays-extensionchange-status-filings>.

**2. Immigration Enforcement & Detention**

* **Will the DHS conduct immigration enforcement at schools? Hospitals**
  + Sensitive Locations Policy (2011), <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/ero-outreach/pdf/10029.2-policy.pdf>
  + ICE Guidance on COVID-19 (March 18, 2020), <https://www.ice.gov/coronavirus>
* **Should I be worried about immigration enforcement around the State College Area School District?** 
  + FAQ on Sensitive Locations, <https://www.ice.gov/ero/enforcement/sensitive-loc>
  + [**ICE Guidance on COVID-19**](https://www.ice.gov/coronavirus) (March 18, 2020)
* **Will ICE conduct arrests during COVID-19?**
  + State College Borough Resolution 1180 (2016), <https://www.statecollegepa.us/DocumentCenter/View/17545/RES-1180---A-Resolution-on-Immigration-Enforcement>
* **Is ICE Still Detaining Immigrants?**
  + Yes, but with focus on those who are a public-safety risk and/or subject to mandatory detention on criminal grounds. Otherwise, ICE will exercise discretion to delay enforcement
  + ICE released 160 out of 550 high risk individuals
  + [www.ice.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ice.gov/coronavirus)
  + Over 35,000 immigrants remain in detention <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/hamedaleaziz/immigrant-detainees-coronavirus-risk-early-release>

**Where is ICE Detaining in PA?**

* York County Prison
* Pike County Correctional Facility
* Clinton County Correctional Facility
* Berks County Residential Center
  + Family detention
  + ICE spokesperson has said ICE will stop detaining new families in Berks.
  + [why.org/articles/lawsuit-ice-family-detention-in-pa-is-a-tinderbox-due-to-covid-19](http://why.org/articles/lawsuit-ice-family-detention-in-pa-is-a-tinderbox-due-to-covid-19)

**Has Anyone detained in PA in Immigration Custody test positive for COVID-19?**

* 1 detainee in York County Prison
* 5 detainees in Pike County Correctional Facility
* 19 confirmed cases among ICE employees working in detention facilities, but none in PA
* [www.ice.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ice.gov/coronavirus) (current as of April 13, 2020)

**What are the ways a detained immigrant can seek release?**

* Immigrants can still pay bond in certain locations
  + [www.ice.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ice.gov/coronavirus)
* Multiple lawsuits demanding release of adult families in immigration detention on due process and statutory grounds.
  + <https://aclupa.org/en/cases/thakker-et-al-v-doll-et-al>
  + <https://aclupa.org/en/cases/hope-et-al-v-doll-et-al>
  + <https://bloximages.chicago2.vip.townnews.com/readingeagle.com/content/tncms/assets/v3/editorial/b/a9/ba9b5b64-6de0-11ea-9a9e-174e65dc26b0/5e7a21c2c712d.pdf.pdf>
* Organizations including, but not limited to:
  + [American Civil Liberties Law Union (ACLU)](https://www.aclusocal.org/en/press-releases/aclu-lawsuit-demands-release-immigrants-risk-death-covid-19)
  + [Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC)](https://www.splcenter.org/news/2020/04/13/covid-19-updates-splc-continues-fight-against-injustice)

**3. Immigration Courts and the Borders**

* **How is the pandemic affecting travelers to the United States from around the world?**

[Proclamation No. 9984, 85 Fed. Reg. 6,709](https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/sites/default/files/Combined%20COVID%20Travel%20Restrictions%20Fact%20SheetFinal%20%281%29.pdf) (Jan. 31, 2020)

[Proclamation No. 9992, 85 Fed. Reg. 12,855](https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/sites/default/files/CIRCCOVID-19%20Iran%20Fact%20Sheet_.pdf) (Feb. 29, 2020)

[Proclamation No. 9993](https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/sites/default/files/CIRCCOVID-19%20SchengenAreaFactSheet.pdf) (Mar. 11, 2020)

[Proclamation No. 9996, 85 Fed. Reg. 15,341](https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/sites/default/files/CIRCCOVID-19%20UK%20Ireland.pdf) (Mar. 14, 2020)

* **What are the changes at the U.S.-MX/U.S.-CA borders?**

[Control of Communicable Diseases; Foreign Quarantine: Suspension of Introduction of Persons Into United States From Designated Foreign Countries or Places for Public Health Purposes](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/03/24/2020-06238/control-of-communicable-diseases-foreign-quarantine-suspension-of-introduction-of-persons-into), 42 C.F.R. § 71 (2020)

[Notice of Order Under Sections 362 and 365 of the Public Health Service Act Suspending Introduction of Certain Persons From Countries Where a Communicable Disease Exists](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/03/26/2020-06327/notice-of-order-under-sections-362-and-365-of-the-public-health-service-act-suspending-introduction), 85 Fed. Reg. 17,060 (Mar. 26, 2020)

[Notification of Temporary Travel Restrictions Applicable to Land Ports of Entry and Ferries Service Between the United States and Mexico](https://www.aila.org/infonet/cbp-85-fr-16547-3-24-20), 85 Fed. Reg. 16,547 (Mar. 24, 2020)

[Notification of Temporary Travel Restrictions Applicable to Land Ports of Entry and Ferries Service Between the United States and Canada](https://www.aila.org/infonet/cbp-85-fr-16548-3-24-20), 85 Fed. Reg. 16,548 (Mar. 24, 2020)

* **How are asylum seekers at the border impacted?**

Nick Miroff, *Trump administration has expelled 10,000 migrants at the border during coronavirus outbreak*, *leaving less than 100 in CBP custody*, Wash. Post (Apr. 9, 2020, 1:06 PM EDT), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/trump-administration-has-expelled-10000-migrants-at-the-border-during-coronavirus-outbreak/2020/04/09/b177c534-7a7b-11ea-8cec-530b4044a458_story.html>

[C:\Users\kaitlynbox\Downloads\4-13 OIG+CRCL expulsions complaint - HRW+NIPNLG\_SS\_updated.pdf](file:///C:\Users\kaitlynbox\Downloads\4-13%20OIG+CRCL%20expulsions%20complaint%20-%20HRW+NIPNLG_SS_updated.pdf)<https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/04/13/human-rights-watch-and-national-immigration-project-national-lawyers-guild-letter>

**5. U.S. Consulates and Embassies**

* From the Department of State: Suspension of Routine
  + Visa Services
    - <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/suspension-of-routine-visa-services.html>
    - <https://www.nafsa.org/regulatory-information/covid-19-restrictions-us-visas-and-entry>

**6. International Students**

* Will remote learning affect my immigration status?
* Can I go back to my home country during remote instruction?
* I am on F-1 Optional Practical Training (OPT) and I am worried about going work.
* Spring 2020 is my last semester. Will I be able to return to the United States for OPT?
  + Penn State [Office of Global Programs](https://global.psu.edu/category/office-global-programs)

Global Programs SEIL

* + - 814-867-610
    - [SEIL@psu.edu](mailto:SEIL@psu.edu)

Directorate of International Student and Scholar Advising (DISSA)

* + - 814-865-6348
    - DISSA is not open for walk-in advising.

**7. Public Benefits and Food Security**

* **How does the COVID-19 affect immigrant farmworkers and food chain workers?**
  + Farmworkers
    - <https://www.opb.org/news/article/immigrant-farmworkers-unique-challenges-coronavirus-continues-to-spread/>
    - <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISA-Guidance-on-Essential-Critical-Infrastructure-Workers-1-20-508c.pdf>

<https://www.farmworkerjustice.org/fj-blog/2020/03/statement-farmworker-advocates-covid-19-risks-farmworkers>

* + Restaurant Workers

<https://www.nelp.org/publication/immigrant-workers-eligibility-unemployment-insurance/>

* **If an immigrant has been laid off and needs food, should they worry about applying for services at the food pantry?**
  + [State College Food Bank](https://scfoodbank.org/)
  + [Lion’s Pantry (Penn State Students)](https://thelionspantry.psu.edu/)
  + <http://paimmigrant.org/toolbox/public-charge-toolkit/>
* **If an immigrant seeks testing or treatment for COVID-19, will that count against them according to the Public Charge Rule?**
  + [https://www.uscis.gov/greencard/public-charge](https://www.uscis.gov/greencard/public-charg)

**8. CARES Act and Immigration**

* **Are immigrants eligible for the economic stimulus payments included in the CARES Act?**
  + [National Immigration Law Center (NILC)](https://www.nilc.org/issues/economic-support/impact-of-covid19-relief-bills-on-immigrant-communities/)

<https://s27147.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/FAQ-Immigrant-Workers-Rights-COVID-19-Resource-v-2020-04-10.pdf>

<https://blogs.duanemorris.com/immigrationlaw/2020/04/09/can-immigrants-receive-recovery-rebates-under-the-cares-act/>

* **Are stimulus payments counted in the “public charge” test?**
  + <https://s27147.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/FAQ-Immigrant-Workers-Rights-COVID-19-Resource-v-2020-04-10.pdf>

**9. Resources**

* [Penn State Law Center for Immigrants’ Rights Clinic](https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/immigration-time-of-trump#COVID-19)
* [PSU Office of Global Programs](https://global.psu.edu/covidintlfaq)
* Immigration Services, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ([USCIS](https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/uscis-response-covid-19))
* Immigration Enforcement, Immigration and Customs Enforcement ([ICE](https://www.ice.gov/coronavirus))
* [Immigration Courts](https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/1259226/download), Department of Justice ([DOJ](https://www.justice.gov/))
* [Visas and Consulates](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html), Department of State ([DOS](https://www.state.gov/coronavirus/))