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The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) has been carefully reviewing the information available from federal officials related to the recently-declared pandemic of coronavirus in concert with our longstanding Continuing Operations Plan and Pandemic Plan. EOIR takes seriously the health of its employees and those with business before the immigration courts. In recognition of the various stages of outbreak in the communities of each of our locations throughout the Nation, there is not a one-size-fits-all solution for our courts. As such, and after close evaluation of each region that have both confirmed coronavirus cases and at least one immigration court, we have determined the immigration courts listed below will act as indicated next to the court name. At this time, we expect the decision to be final through April 10, 2020. As we continue to evaluate all of our locations, we will announce any changes, including reductions or extensions of timelines.

Effective immediately, the Seattle Immigration Court is closed. Emergency filings may be filed with the Tacoma Immigration Court until the Seattle Immigration Court reopens. Routine filings may be held and will be considered timely filed if filed with the Seattle Immigration Court on the first day the court is again open. Immigration judges and staff will exercise telework as eligible and appropriate to continue the important mission of EOIR and ensure delivery of due process to those awaiting their day in court. Respondents or their representatives, as applicable, with cases requiring rescheduling will receive notice of their new hearing date at least 10 days before the new date.

Also effective immediately, the following immigration courts will remain open to hear individual hearings, but will postpone non-detained aliens' master calendar hearings, which require larger groups of people from diverse geographic locations to remain in close contact with others as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Respondents or their representatives, as applicable, who are affected will receive notice of their new hearing date at least 10 days before the new date. All filings will be accepted under usual operations.

- Boston
- Los Angeles (North Los Angeles, Olive, Van Nuys)
- Newark
- New York City (Broadway; Federal Plaza; Varick)
- Sacramento
- San Francisco

#### SHORT STATEMENT

The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) has been carefully reviewing the information available from federal officials related to the recently-declared pandemic of coronavirus in concert with our longstanding Continuing Operations Plan and Pandemic Plan. Our concern for our employees and those with business before the immigration courts has lead us to the difficult decision to close the Seattle Immigration Court through April 10. The following courts will remain open, but postpone non-

detained master calendar hearings, which involve large groups of people: Boston, Los Angeles (North Los Angeles, Olive, Van Nuys), Newark, New York City (Broadway; Federal Plaza; Varick), Sacramento, and San Francisco. The agency continues to evaluate the dynamic situation nationwide and will make decisions for each location as more information becomes available.