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Introduction

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is working closely with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other federal, state, and local agencies to facilitate a speedy, whole-of-government response in confronting Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), keeping everyone safe, and helping detect and slow the spread of the virus. To keep the public, media and family members of those in custody and other stakeholders informed, we will update this site frequently during this extremely fluid situation.

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GENERAL

What is ICE doing to safeguard its employees/personnel during this crisis?

The ICE Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Unit continues to work diligently to ensure employees are operating under the safest and most practical conditions to reduce the risk of exposure and prevent further spreading of COVID-19 during the course of ongoing daily operations. The OSH Unit regularly provides guidance regarding integrating administrative controls such as social distancing in law enforcement settings, and the appropriate choice and use of personal protective equipment when administrative controls cannot be implemented. Besides providing information through an employee website, OSH officials have held conference calls, responded to emails, and spoken personally with employees who have safety questions. At all levels, ICE employees have access to the most current CDC and DHS guidance and assistance in this rapidly changing environment.

ICE is reviewing CDC guidance daily and will continue to update protocols to remain consistent with CDC guidance.

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What is ICE doing in response to the COVID-19 virus?

Law enforcement agencies across the country, to include ICE, are paying close attention to this pandemic. While our law enforcement officers and agents continue daily enforcement operations to make criminal and civil arrests, prioritizing individuals who threaten our national security and public safety, we remain committed to the health and safety of our employees and the general public. It is important for the public to know that ICE does not conduct operations at medical facilities, except under extraordinary circumstances. ICE policy directs our officers to avoid making arrests at sensitive locations – to include schools, places of worship, and health care facilities, such as hospitals, doctors' offices, accredited health clinics, and emergent or urgent care facilities – without prior approval for an exemption, or in exigent circumstances. See our FAQ for more.

Consistent with federal partners, ICE is taking important steps to further safeguard those in our care. As a precautionary measure, ICE has temporarily suspended social visitation in all detention facilities.

The health, welfare and safety of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees is one of the agency's highest priorities. Since the onset of reports of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), ICE epidemiologists have been tracking the outbreak, regularly updating infection prevention and control protocols, and issuing guidance to ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC) staff for the screening and management of potential exposure among detainees.

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ICE continues to incorporate CDC's COVID-19 guidance, which is built upon the already established infectious disease monitoring and management protocols currently in use by the agency. In addition, ICE is actively working with state and local health partners to determine if any detainee requires additional testing or monitoring to combat the spread of the virus.

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IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT and CHECK-INS

Has ICE modified enforcement efforts during COVID-19?

In light of lessons learned since the beginning of the pandemic and the ICE workforce's demonstrated ability to adjust and adapt to this environment, we are confident that our officers can properly and safely carry out operations. In our day-to-day operations the focus is, as it has always been, on public safety threats and those subject to mandatory detention while keeping in mind the safety and well-being of all involved. To help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we have taken several precautionary measures – from ensuring that our front-line operators have adequate personal protective equipment, maximizing telework for agency personnel whose duties do not require them to be in the office, completing temperature checks before removal, and requiring the isolating of detainees as appropriate to prevent the spread in detention facilities. We regularly monitor and take seriously the guidance put forward by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We will continue to take these and other meaningful steps to stem the spread and keep everyone – including our officers and the public – safe and healthy.

ICE remains committed to executing our Congressionally-authorized mission to enforce the immigration laws as written and preserve the integrity of our nation's immigration system.

The steady commitment, sound judgment, and consummate professionalism of this agency's law enforcement professionals are unparalleled, and regardless of the challenges we face – from pandemics, to civil unrest, to calls for ICE's abolishment – American communities are safer and our families are more secure thanks to the men and women of ICE.

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BONDS

I need to pay a bond, has ICE made any adjustments to its payment process?

ICE will limit the acceptance of bonds to locations with "bond windows" or other appropriate barriers that will limit exposure to staff. Generally, only the individual appearing to post the bonds will be permitted to enter the office. Anyone accompanying such individuals, including children accompanied by another adult, will be asked by security not to enter the building.

If a prospective bond obligor contacts an office that is not currently physically accepting bonds, the office will provide [contact information for ICE offices](#) that are currently physically posting bonds, as well as contact information for surety agencies that are currently posting surety bonds with ICE.

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DETENTION

What has ICE done to protect detainees in ICE custody?

In March, ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) convened a working group between medical professionals, disease control specialists, detention experts, and field operators to identify additional enhanced steps to minimize the spread of the virus. ICE has since evaluated its detained population based upon the CDC's guidance for people who might be at higher risk for severe illness as a result of COVID-19 to determine whether continued detention was appropriate. Of this medical risk population, ICE has released over 900 individuals after evaluating their immigration history, criminal record, potential threat to public safety, flight risk, and national security concerns. This same methodology is currently being applied to other potentially vulnerable populations currently in custody and while making custody determinations for all new arrestees. Additionally, ERO has had reduced intake of new detainees being introduced into the ICE detention system coming from CBP, due to reduced numbers of apprehensions by CBP under immigration authorities. ICE's detained population has steadily dropped by more than 7,000 individuals since March 1, 2020 as a result of the decrease in book-ins when compared to this time last year, combined with continued repatriations of illegal aliens.

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What is ICE doing to ensure detainees in custody are well-cared for during this crisis?

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Currently, the CDC advises self-monitoring at home for people in the community who meet epidemiologic risk criteria, and who do not have fever or symptoms of respiratory illness. In detention settings, cohorting serves as an alternative to self-monitoring at home.

Comprehensive protocols are in place for the protection of staff and patients, including the appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE), in accordance with CDC guidance. ICE has maintained a pandemic workforce protection plan since February 2014, which was last updated in May 2017. This plan provides specific guidance for biological threats such as COVID-19. ICE instituted applicable parts of the plan in January 2020 upon the discovery of the potential threat of COVID-19. The ICE Occupational Safety and Health Office is in contact with relevant offices within the Department of Homeland Security, and in January 2020, the DHS Workforce Safety and Health Division provided DHS components additional guidance to address assumed risks and interim workplace controls. This includes the use of N95 masks, available respirators, and additional personal protective equipment.

ICE testing for COVID-19 complies with CDC guidance. IHSC updates and shares its COVID-19 guidance with field units on a real-time basis. Subjects selected for testing follow CDC's definition of a person under investigation.

Updated 04/29/2020 7:30pm

How does ICE screen new detainees for COVID-19?

Effective June 4, 2020, ICE tests all new detainees who arrive at ICE-owned facilities for COVID-19 during the intake screening process. ICE houses all new arrivals separately (cohorting) from the general population for 14 days after their arrival, and monitors them for symptoms. IHSC isolates detainees with COVID-19 symptoms and observes them for a specified period, in accordance with CDC guidance. New arrivals who have negative test results and remain symptom free can join the general detained population after the 14-day intake period. Detainees who test positive for COVID-19 receive appropriate medical care to manage the disease.

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Is ICE testing detainees for COVID-19 at ICE detention centers, or sending detainees somewhere for testing?

Detainees are being tested for COVID-19 in line with CDC guidance. In some cases, medical staff at ICE detention facilities are collecting specimens from ICE detainees for processing at a commercial or public health lab. In other cases, including when a detainee requires a higher level of care, they are sent to a local hospital and may be tested at the discretion of the treating provider at the hospital.

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Can detainees attend medical appointments?

Asymptomatic detainees in isolation can attend all appointments. Symptomatic detainees in isolation must wear a tight-fitting surgical mask to attend essential medical appointments. ICE also notifies the medical provider about the detainee's status ahead of the appointment to coordinate care and protect staff and other patients.

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How does ICE mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within its detention facilities?

Detainees who meet CDC criteria for epidemiologic risk of exposure to COVID-19 are housed separately from the general population. ICE places detainees with fever and/or respiratory symptoms in a single medical housing room, or in a medical airborne infection isolation room specifically designed to contain biological agents, such as COVID-19. This prevents the spread of the agent to other individuals and the general public. ICE transports individuals with moderate to severe symptoms, or those who require higher levels of care or monitoring, to appropriate hospitals with expertise in high-risk care. Detainees who do not have fever or symptoms, but meet CDC criteria for epidemiologic risk, are housed separately in a single cell, or as a group, depending on available space.

ICE reviews CDC guidance daily and continues to update protocols to remain consistent with CDC guidance.

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Will someone who presents symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 be released from immigration custody?

ICE only has authority to detain individuals for immigration purposes. ICE cannot hold any detainee ordered released by a judge. If ICE must release an ill or isolated detainee, health staff immediately notify the local public health agencies to coordinate further monitoring, if required.

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Do ICE facilities have necessary sanitary products to help guard against the virus?

In addition to providing detainees with soap for the shower and hand soap for sink handwashing, ICE provides alcohol-based sanitizer in visitor entrances, exits, waiting areas and to staff and detainees in the secure setting whenever possible. ICE also provides soap and paper towels that are present in bathrooms and work areas within the facilities. Everyday cleaning supplies such as soap dispensers and paper towels are routinely checked and are available for use. Detainees are encouraged to communicate with local staff when additional hygiene supplies or products are needed.

Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2008 and PBNDS 2011, require that facilities operating under these respective standards have written plans that address the management of communicable diseases, which should include isolation and management of detainees exposed to communicable diseases. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) remains the definitive source for information about how to protect individuals and reduce exposure to the virus, so ICE continues to encourage facilities to follow CDC guidelines as well as those of their state and local health departments.

Updated 04/02/2020 6:05pm

How are ICE detention facilities engaging in social distancing?

In March, ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) convened a working group between medical professionals, disease control specialists, detention experts, and field operators to identify additional enhanced steps to minimize the spread of the virus. As a result of the working group, ERO decided to reduce the population of all detention facilities to 70 percent or less to increase social distancing. Detention facilities may also increase social distancing by having staggered meals and recreation times in order to limit the number of detainees gathered together. All community service projects are suspended until further notice.

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How will detainees communicate with family members and others?

ICE recognizes the substantial impact of curtailing personal visitation and limiting in-person legal visitation during the pandemic, and continues to facilitate communication with families and attorneys through extended access to telephones, video visitation and with extended hours where possible. ICE began providing 520 minutes of free domestic or international phone or video calls per month to detainees on April 22 at all facilities served by Talton Communications (serving approximately 57% of the ICE population), and has been negotiating with all other facilities to provide 500 minutes or more.

In addition to the toll-free Detention Reporting and Information Line (DRIL), which provides a direct channel for detainees and agency stakeholders to communicate with ICE for questions and concerns, all ICE detainees are able to make free calls to legal service providers on the ICE pro bono network to contact legal representatives, consular officials, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General, the ICE Office of Professional Responsibility Joint Intake Center, as well as other authorized government agencies and nongovernment organizations.

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Are detainees able to make outside phone calls?

All detainees are afforded telephone access and can make calls to the ICE-provided list of free legal service providers and consulates at no charge to the detainee or the receiving party. Additionally, detainees who cannot afford to call family members may request a call to immediate family or others in personal or family emergencies or on an as-needed basis to maintain community ties.

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VISITATION AT DETENTION FACILITIES

My family member or friend is currently in ICE custody, will visitation to the facility still be allowed?

ICE has temporarily suspended social visitation in all of its detention facilities. ICE recognizes the considerable impact of suspending personal visitation and has requested wardens and facility administrators maximize detainee use of teleconferencing, video visitation (e.g., Skype, FaceTime), email, and/or tablets, with extended hours where possible. ICE will continue to collaborate with the CDC, IHSC, and its network of health care providers to provide updates and revise procedures as necessary.

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Will individuals in ICE custody be able to meet with their legal representatives?

Detainee access to legal representatives remains a paramount requirement and should be accommodated to the maximum extent practicable. Legal visitation must continue unless determined to pose a risk to the safety and security of the facility.

Non-contact legal visitation (e.g., Skype or teleconference) should be offered first to limit exposure to ICE detainees, but in person contact should be permitted if determined essential by the legal representative. Prior to the in-person visit, the legal representative must undergo the same screening required for staff entry into the facility. The ultimate legal visit approving authority lies with the Warden or Facility Administrator; however, the facility should notify its local Field Office Director as soon as possible of any denied legal visits.

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Are Legal Orientation Programs continuing in ICE detention facilities?

Government-sponsored Legal Orientation Programs (LOPs), carried out by the Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) and authorized by congressional appropriations, currently operate at a limited number of detention sites, and may continue to conduct detainee presentations. No more than four LOP presenters may be allowed in the facility at any time and must undergo the same screening required for staff entry into the facility. Non-LOP legal rights group presentations offered by volunteers are suspended until further notice.

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Will members of Congress be able to visit ICE detention facilities?

Facility tours are suspended until further notice, excluding Members of Congress, Congressional Member Delegations (CODELs), and Congressional Staff Delegations (STAFFDELS) who will not be prevented from accessing facilities for the purpose of conducting oversight. To safeguard visitors, detainees, ICE and facility staff, congressional visitors may be subject to special screening procedures congruent with staff facility entry screening. Congressional visitors should be advised of standard hygiene practices to help prevent the spread of disease (i.e., washing hands, avoiding close contact) and should be made aware of available hand washing stations within the facility.

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IMMIGRATION COURT

Is immigration court still taking place in-person at ICE detention facilities?

Individuals attending immigration court in-person are encouraged to contact the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) for any additional requirements or changes to procedures. Please check
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EOIR's [operational status page](#) for the latest operational status of immigration courts nationwide.

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REMOVALS

Does ICE medically screen detainees before they board a removal flight to their home country?

The ICE Air flight medical provider conducts a visual screening consistent with current ICE policy and procedures on those detainees lacking medical summary information (new apprehensions) who are delivered to the aircraft. Those detainees who are not "new apprehensions" are brought to the aircraft with medical clearance. Any ICE detainee who fails to pass screening by a flight medical provider and/or is suspected of having a health-risk condition potentially contagious to other detainees, staff and/or third parties, will be denied boarding and referred to an ICE approved facility for screening.

In addition to recently issued IHSC guidance, for ICE Air charter removals, there will be a temperature screening at the flight line, prior to boarding. As of April 17, in accordance with updated IHSC guidance, any detainee with a temperature of 99 degrees or higher will be immediately referred to a medical provider for further evaluation and observation.

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Is ICE continuing to hold in-person stakeholder meetings?

ICE will eliminate non-mission critical meetings with the public and use video-teleconferencing and other technology to conduct stakeholder meetings, to the extent practicable. ERO case officers will notify attorneys and those with upcoming scheduled appointments of the temporary change in procedures.

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EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION (I-9)

If I am hiring and onboarding workers to work remotely at this time, do I need to verify their identity and employment authorization documents in person?

If there are no employees present at a work location and a new employee is working remotely due to COVID-19, employers will not be required to review the employee's identity and employment authorization documents in the employee's physical presence. However, employers must inspect the Section 2 documents remotely (e.g., over video link, fax or email, etc.) and obtain, inspect, and retain copies of the documents, within three business days for purposes of completing Section 2. Employers also should enter "COVID-19" as the reason for the physical inspection delay in the Section 2 Additional Information field once physical inspection takes place after normal operations resume. Once the documents have been physically inspected, the employer should add "documents physically examined" with the date of inspection to the Section 2 additional information field on the Form I-9, or to section 3, as appropriate. These provisions may be implemented by employers for a period of 60 days from the date of this notice OR within 3 business days after the termination of the national emergency, whichever comes first. Click [here](#) to read the full guidance and requirements.

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NONIMMIGRANT STUDENTS AND SEVP-CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

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Guidance Documents

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) has issued the following guidance to stakeholders:

- [Broadcast Message: COVID-19 and F and M Nonimmigrants](#) (Jan. 2020)
- [Broadcast Message: COVID-19 and Potential Procedural Adaptations for F and M Nonimmigrant Students](#) (Mar. 2020)
- [COVID-19: Scenarios for SEVP-certified Schools for Emergency Procedures](#) (Mar. 2020)
- [Optional COVID-19 School Reporting Template](#) that schools can use to report temporary procedural adaptations (Mar. 2020)

AILA Doc. No. 20031658. (Posted 9/28/20)

- [Broadcast Message: Follow-up: ICE continues March guidance for fall school term](#) (Jul. 2020)
- [Broadcast Message: New Process: Reporting School Procedural Adaptations to SEVP](#) (Aug. 2020)

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Frequently Asked Questions

SEVP continues to receive COVID-19-related stakeholder questions about SEVP-certified schools and nonimmigrant students. [Download this PDF](#) to read answers to Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19, including questions about the fall 2020 semester. This list is regularly updated – please note the timestamp of the most recent document update.

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DONATIONS OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Is ICE accepting donations of personal protective equipment?

ICE is committed to the safety, health and wellbeing of those in its custody. The agency will continue providing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to individuals in ICE custody and is thankful to outside organizations for offers to donate additional PPE. At this time, the agency is not accepting donated PPE, but will continue to evaluate its need to do so in the future.

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ICE EMPLOYEES AT DETENTION CENTERS

45

There have been 45 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among ICE employees working in ICE detention facilities.

- 1 at Adelanto ICE Processing Center (Adelanto, CA)
- 15 at Alexandria Staging Facility (Alexandria, LA)
- 2 at Aurora Contract Detention Facility (Aurora, CO)
- 1 in Bergen County Jail (Hackensack, NJ)
- 1 at Butler County Jail (Hamilton, OH)
- 1 at El Paso Processing Center (El Paso, TX)
- 2 at Elizabeth Contract Detention Facility (Elizabeth, NJ)
- 1 at Eloy Detention Center (Eloy, AZ)
- 1 at Essex County Correctional Facility (Newark, NJ)
- 1 at Florence Correctional Center (Florence, AZ)
- 2 at Houston Contract Detention Facility (Houston, TX)
- 1 at Hudson County Jail (Kearny, NJ)
- 2 at La Salle ICE Processing Center (Jena, AL)
- 11 at Otay Mesa Detention Center (San Diego, CA)
- 2 at Stewart Detention Center (Lumpkin, GA)
- 1 at T. Don Hutto Residential Center (Taylor, TX)

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ICE EMPLOYEES

153

There have been 153 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among ICE employees not assigned to detention facilities.

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DETAINED POPULATION ¹

COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES CURRENTLY IN CUSTODY ²

DETAINEES TESTED

AS OF 09/18/2020

UNDER ISOLATION OR MONITORING AS OF 09/24/2020

AS OF 09/18/2020

20,097

602

39,443

COVID-19 ICE Detainee Statistics by Facility

AS OF 09/24/2020

Custody/AOR/Facility	Confirmed cases currently under isolation or monitoring	Detainee deaths ³	Total confirmed COVID-19 cases ⁴
Atlanta Field Office			
Charleston County Detention Center	0	0	2
Columbia Regional Care Center	0	0	1
Folkston ICE Processing Center (D. Ray James)	19	0	68
Irwin County Detention Center	12	0	44
Robert A. Deyton Detention Center	0	0	1
Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center	0	0	1
Stewart Detention Center	5	3	341
Baltimore Field Office			
Worcester County Jail	1	0	1
Boston Field Office			
Bristol County Detention Center	0	0	1
Franklin County House of Corrections	0	0	7
Strafford County Corrections	0	0	2
Wyatt Detention Center	0	0	2
Buffalo Field Office			

Custody/AOR/Facility	Confirmed cases currently under isolation or monitoring	Detainee deaths ³	Total confirmed COVID-19 cases ⁴
Buffalo (Batavia) Service Processing Center	0	0	49
Chicago Field Office			
Chase County Detention Facility	5	0	60
Lincoln County Detention Center	0	0	1
McHenry County Adult Correctional Facility	0	0	5
Pulaski County Detention Center	4	0	74
Dallas Field Office			
Bluebonnet Detention Facility	4	0	300
Eden Detention Center	49	0	54
Johnson County Law Enforcement Center	1	0	1
Kay County Detention Center	0	0	1
Moore Detention Center	0	0	20
PrairieLand Detention Facility	9	0	91
Rolling Plains Detention Center	1	0	56
Denver Field Office			
Aurora Contract Detention Facility	31	0	50
Detroit Field Office			
Calhoun County Correctional Center	3	0	16
Geauga County Jail	1	0	1
Morrow County Correctional Facility	0	0	48
Saint Clair County Jail	0	0	11
El Paso Field Office			
Cibola County Correctional Center	0	0	1
El Paso Service Processing Center	7	0	204
Otero County Processing Center	2	0	152
Torrance County Detention Center	0	0	55
Houston Field Office			
Coastal Bend Detention Center	3	0	12
Houston Contract Detention Facility	3	0	145
IAH Polk Adult Detention Facility	7	0	26
Joe Corley Detention Center	0	1	50
Montgomery Processing Center (Houston)	2	0	209
Los Angeles Field Office			
Adelanto ICE Processing Center	57	0	73
Miami Field Office			
Baker County Detention Center	1	0	4
Broward Transitional Center	14	0	146

Custody/AOR/Facility	Confirmed cases currently under isolation or monitoring	Detainee deaths ³	Total confirmed COVID-19 cases ⁴
Glades County Detention Center	1	1	168
Krome North Service Processing Center	4	0	184
Larkin Behavioral Health Center	0	0	2
San Juan Staging Facility	0	0	1
Wakulla County Jail	3	0	33
Newark Field Office			
Elizabeth Detention Center	0	0	18
Essex County Jail	0	0	8
New Orleans Field Office			
Adams County Correctional Center	18	0	82
Alexandria Staging Facility	11	0	146
Allen Parish Detention Center	0	0	10
Catahoula Correctional Center	2	0	119
Etowah County Jail	1	0	22
Jackson Parish Correctional	85	0	91
LaSalle ICE Processing Center - Jena	5	0	34
LaSalle ICE Processing Center - Olla	1	0	25
Pine Prairie ICE Processing Center	0	0	65
Richwood Correctional Center	43	0	116
River Correctional Center	10	0	23
South Louisiana Correctional Center	0	0	3
Winn Correctional Center	16	0	212
New York City Field Office			
Bergen County Jail	0	0	5
Hudson County Jail	0	0	14
Philadelphia Field Office			
Pike County Correctional Facility	0	0	22
York County Prison	33	0	84
Phoenix Field Office			
CCA Florence Correctional Center	4	0	23
Eloy Federal Contract Facility	1	0	251
Florence Detention Center	1	0	67
La Palma Correctional Facility	22	0	377
Salt Lake City Field Office			
Cache County Jail	12	0	15
Henderson Detention Center	16	0	20
Nevada Southern Detention Center	3	0	10
Nye County Jail	0	0	37
Washington County Jail	2	0	3

Custody/AOR/Facility	Confirmed cases currently under isolation or monitoring	Detainee deaths ³	Total confirmed COVID-19 cases ⁴
San Antonio Field Office			
El Valle Detention Facility	14	0	45
Karnes County Family Residential Center	2	0	81
Laredo Processing Center	5	0	6
LaSalle County Regional Detention Center	1	0	1
Limestone County Detention Center	2	0	55
Port Isabel Detention Center	4	0	150
Rio Grande Detention Center	1	0	161
South Texas Family Residential Center (Dilley)	0	0	4
South Texas ICE Processing Center (Pearsall)	3	0	181
Webb County Detention Center (CCA)	1	0	85
San Diego Field Office			
Imperial Regional Detention Facility	0	0	3
Otay Mesa Detention Center (San Diego CDF)	2	1	171
San Luis Regional Detention Center	0	0	11
San Francisco Field Office			
Golden State Annex Facility	2	0	2
Mesa Verde ICE Processing Center	2	0	59
Seattle Field Office			
Tacoma ICE Processing Center (Northwest Detention Center)	0	0	15
St. Paul Field Office			
Douglas County Corrections	0	0	1
Freeborn County Adult Detention Center	0	0	4
Linn County Jail	0	0	2
Phelps County Jail	0	0	2
Polk County Jail	0	0	12
Washington D.C. Field Office			
Caroline Detention Facility	28	0	34
Immigration Centers of America - Farmville	0	1	339
TOTAL	602	7	6,100

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¹ ICE's FY 2019 Average Daily Population was 50,165.

² "Currently under isolation or monitoring" includes detainees who tested positive for COVID-19 and are currently in ICE custody under isolation or monitoring. This number excludes detainees who previously

tested positive for COVID-19 and were either returned to the general population after a discontinuation of medical monitoring/isolation or are no longer in ICE custody.

³ "Detainee deaths" includes detainees who have died after testing positive for COVID-19 while in ICE custody; COVID-19 may not be the official cause of death.

⁴ "Total confirmed COVID-19 cases" is the cumulative total of detainees who have tested positive for COVID-19 while in ICE custody since testing began in February 2020. Some detainees may no longer be in ICE custody or may have since tested negative for the virus.

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There is a growing number of individuals who have been released as a result of judicial orders. These are non-discretionary releases on the part of ICE, and as a result, they do not necessarily undergo the same public safety, flight risk, and/or medical analysis. ICE, working with DHS and DOJ, is actively litigating many of these court decisions. However, many of the individuals ordered released by federal courts have extensive criminal histories and pose a potential public safety threat. ICE is providing this information in this forum to ensure complete transparency. ICE has also provided this information to Congress.

NUMBER OF DETAINEES ICE RELEASED AFTER COURT-ORDER
(AS OF 09/21/2020)

535

** Criminal charges or convictions included represent the most egregious crimes. Some individuals have more than one conviction or charge.*

Field Office	Number of court-ordered releases	Court-ordered releases of individuals with criminal charges or convictions	Criminal charges or convictions include:
Baltimore	3	2	Aggravated assault Burglary – felony Malicious burning - felony
Boston	73	69	Assault Child abuse Domestic violence Drug trafficking Rape
Buffalo	2	1	Grand larceny Money laundering
Chicago	10	8	Homicide Possession of a controlled substance Theft
Denver	1	1	Forgery
Detroit	41	35	Assault Domestic violence Homicide Multiple DUIs
Houston	2	1	Bodily injury of a family member
Los Angeles	56	47	Assault with a deadly weapon Attempted murder

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			Child cruelty Homicide Juvenile sex offenses
Miami	4	4	Assault Lewd & lascivious acts with a minor under 12 Sale of cocaine
New Orleans	7	6	Alien smuggling Drug distribution Fraud
New York City	61	57	Assault Cruelty toward a child Drug possession DUI Sexual assault/rape
Newark	8	8	Assault Domestic violence Sexual contact with a minor Unlawful possession of a handgun
Philadelphia	29	28	Assault Drug trafficking Voluntary manslaughter
Phoenix	1	0	
San Diego	91	12	Aggravated assault Burglary Drug possession DUIs
San Francisco	145	143	Attempted murder Burglary Domestic violence DUI Homicide Kidnapping Lewd acts with a minor Robbery
Seattle	1	1	Possession/intent to distribute - methamphetamine
Total	535	423	

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Latest Statement

As part of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) proactive efforts to expand COVID-19 testing capabilities, ICE began offering voluntary COVID-19 tests to new admissions at the Karnes County Family Residential Center in Karnes, Texas earlier this month.

On June 24, as part of that intake testing, ICE identified 11 positive COVID-19 cases from four family units at Karnes County Family Residential Center. The positive cases were new admissions to the facility identified at intake and have not come into contact with the other families at the facility. The detainees are asymptomatic and have been medically isolated by family unit.

This proactive testing of new admissions into Karnes provided the intended results. By isolating and testing families as they enter the facility, medical staff are able to provide the necessary care for new detainees while preventing those already in custody from possible exposure.

There are currently 73 detainees housed at the Karnes County Family Residential Center. ICE began offering voluntary COVID-19 testing June 22 to all residents at the facility. Full results of the voluntary testing for residents at the facility are pending. ICE plans to continue to expand testing capabilities to other facilities in the near future.

ICE uses molecular testing methodologies recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to detect SARS-CoV-2 and technology that has been approved by and granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), including a combination of the Abbott ID NOW instruments for Rapid RNA testing, as well as existing laboratory testing capabilities from commercial laboratories.

The agency's full response to COVID-19 can be viewed at www.ICE.gov/COVID19.

April 6th Statement

As of April 6, six additional individuals in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody have tested positive for COVID-19:

- a 24-year-old Guatemalan national at La Palma Correctional Center in Arizona
- a 25-year-old Indian national at LaSalle Correctional Center in Louisiana
- a 67-year-old Cuban national at St. Clair County Jail in Michigan
- a 29-year-old Brazilian national at Essex County Jail in New Jersey and
- a 29-year-old Bangladeshi national at Pike County Correctional Center in Pennsylvania.

Additionally, a 29-year-old Mexican national in ICE custody at a Miami-area hospital has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was transferred from the Krome Detention Center to a local hospital March 9 for a medical issue unrelated to COVID-19. Approximately three weeks after being admitted to the hospital, he started showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and was tested for the virus at the hospital. Consistent with CDC guidelines, those who have come in contact with the individuals have been cohorted or are self-isolating and being monitored for symptoms.

April 4th Statement

As of April 3, there are four individuals in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody at Pike County Correctional Facility in Hawley, Pennsylvania, who have tested positive for COVID-19. Those individuals include 31-year-old and 37-year-old Mexican nationals, a 41-year-old Dominican national and a 28-year-old Guatemalan national. Additionally, a 37-year-old Mexican national in ICE custody at the York County Prison, in York, Pennsylvania and a 54-year-old Mexican national in ICE custody at Otay Mesa Detention Center in San Diego, California have tested positive for COVID-19. The individuals have been quarantined and are receiving care. Consistent with CDC guidelines, those who have come in contact with these individuals have been cohorted and are being monitored for symptoms.

April 3rd Statement

A 31-year-old Mexican national in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody at Pike County Correctional Facility in Hawley, Pennsylvania, and a 52-year-old Mexican national in ICE custody at the Pine Prairie ICE Processing Center in Pine Prairie, Louisiana, have tested positive for COVID-19. The individuals have been quarantined and are receiving care. Consistent with CDC guidelines, those who have come in contact with the individuals have been cohorted and are being monitored for symptoms.

April 1st Statement

A 33-year-old Dominican national in ICE custody at the Hudson County Correctional Center in Kearny, New Jersey, and a 45 year-old Guatemalan national in ICE custody at the at the La Palma Correctional Center in Eloy, Arizona, have tested positive for COVID-19. Consistent with CDC guidelines, those who have come in contact with the individual have been cohorted and are being monitored for symptoms.

March 30th Statement

A 40-year-old Salvadoran national in ICE custody at the Bergen County Jail and a 22-year-old Salvadoran national in ICE custody at the Hudson County Correctional Center have tested positive for COVID-19. Consistent with CDC guidelines, those who have come in contact with the individuals have been cohorted and are being monitored for symptoms.

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