

EOIR is aware of the concerns raised regarding the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. The agency continues to work with Government leadership, including the White House Coronavirus Task Force and the CDC, to closely monitor this situation.

Although subject to possible change as new information is received, our operating status remains the same, and we do not plan any mass closure of immigration courts. As concerns are raised, we will address them on a case-by-case basis as necessary and appropriate.

Attorneys have longstanding information readily available to them about the filing of motions to continue, which immigration judges will adjudicate based on the unique facts of each case, to include active illnesses of all varieties. Although this particular illness is new, adjudicating motions based on an illness affecting an attorney or a respondent is not new to our immigration judges. They will continue to address cases, including motions, in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and case precedent.

Federal law requires that we protect private medical information, but any court closures will be communicated expeditiously to employees and stakeholders. The automated case information platforms, available by the EOIR website and phone, will continue to be a resource for individual case information, and we encourage stakeholders to monitor them for changes to case status.

Finally, we continue to urge our employees and stakeholders to follow [CDC guidance regarding hygiene practices](#) and to refrain from spreading rumors or misinformation that may distract us from fulfilling our mission during this challenging time.