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# CBP Announces Opening of Temporary Processing Facility in Tucson, Arizona

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**TUCSON, Arizona** — U.S. Customs and Border Protection today announced the opening of a soft-sided facility in Tucson, Arizona. The facility's primary purpose is to safely and expeditiously process individuals in U.S. Border Patrol custody.

The facility will be weatherproof, climate-controlled, and is expected to provide ample areas for eating, sleeping, and personal hygiene. The new facility's design is similar to that of recently constructed soft-sided facilities. The over 80,000 square foot facility sits on six acres at **4550 East Los Reales Road in Tucson, Arizona.** (x-apple-data-detectors://2) The temporary facility will provide additional processing capacity for Border Patrol's Tucson Sector.

Since April 2020, CBP has seen a steady increase in border encounters from the Western Hemisphere due in part to worsening economic conditions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters affecting the area. For and photographs and video of the Tucson Processing Facility, please see: (Flickr link (<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmVsSKSS>)) and (DVIDS link (<https://dvidshub.net/r/pe9y92>)).

*U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between official ports of entry. CBP is charged with securing the borders of the United States while enforcing hundreds of laws and facilitating lawful trade and travel.*

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