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**America Immigration Lawyers Association calls on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to immediately suspend in-person office interviews to protect public health.**

Denver, Colorado.

On March 16, 2020, the Colorado Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) called on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Denver Field Office to immediately suspend all in-person office appointments, interviews and group Naturalization Oath ceremonies.

On March 16, 2020, President Trump directed Americans to avoid gathering in groups larger than 10 people.

On March 16, 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis announced the closure of in-house dining at all restaurants and bars for a period of 30 days. Public school districts are closed statewide.

Yet as of this writing, the only response from USCIS is that applicants for immigration benefits should feel free to cancel their appointments. AILA Colorado condemns this response as inadequate and irresponsible. USCIS refusal to temporarily suspend in-person interviews jeopardizes the health and safety of immigrants and their families, private attorneys, as well as its own federal employees and contract workers.

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