

COVID-19 Immigration Impact Update – Attorney - AS OF 3/18/2020

| Institution/Type of Case | Status (as of 3/18/20) | Resources/Recommendations |
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| <p>Fort Snelling Immigration Court – NON-DETAINED Cases</p> | <p>Master Calendar Hearings: Effective March 16, 2020, and through April 10, All non-detained master calendar hearings scheduled for March 16, 2020, and through April 10, are postponed. Those whose hearings are postponed can expect a new hearing notice by mail at least 10 days before their new hearing day.</p> <p>Individual/Merit Hearings: All hearings scheduled between March 18 and April 10 have been cancelled.</p> | <p>EOIR Operational updates HERE: and/or EOIR Facebook Page</p> <p>Individual case status via EOIR website: or EOIR Hotline: 1-800-898-7180 *Note the EOIR hotline may not reflect a new date yet.</p> <p>Fort Snelling Court phone number is: 612-725-3765</p> <p>*Set reminders for yourself to check the hotline once court reopens. Don't wait for a hearing notice.</p> <p>*Stay on top of address changes by filing EOIR-33</p> |

**Fort Snelling
Immigration Court:
DETAINED Cases**

Detained Master Calendar Hearings: Currently as scheduled

Detained Bond Hearings: As scheduled

Detained Individual/Merits Hearings: Currently as scheduled

**Note: this is a fluid situation and the Fort Snelling Court may fully close. Hearings are being scheduled with little notice, as the court is attempting to manage more cases by utilizing additional courtrooms.

You may receive less than a 36-hour notice of hearings. Be sure your mail handlers at your offices are aware if you have a detained client who might be scheduled for a hearing.

Court staff are making an effort to call attorneys to allow for appearance by phone when possible. You can also file a motion for telephonic appearance if an explanation is provided. If you have a detained client, call the EOIR hotline or court if you have an upcoming hearing to confirm status.

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| Status Docket | Hearings scheduled for 4/6 have been cancelled, regardless of whether respondent filed an update. Expect to receive reschedule notice for first Monday of October. | |
| Fort Snelling Filings | Open to receive filings. Attorneys are strongly discouraged from making window filings. Prefer to receive filings by mail. If you need a file stamped copy, include a return envelope in your submission with an extra copy of the filing for stamping. | |
| ASYLUM OFFICE | March 19-April 3: All asylum interviews cancelled and will be rescheduled in the future. No stop to work permit clock. | <p>You can find updated information on USCIS office closings here.</p> <p>Chicago Asylum Office email: Chicago.Asylum@uscis.dhs.gov</p> |
| ICE/ISAP Check-ins | <p>Not yet suspended, but contact the ICE or ISAP office before traveling in to report.</p> <p>ICE officers will be contacting individuals with hearings scheduled between March 16 and 27 whose hearings have been cancelled. You do not have to report during this window if your hearing has been cancelled.</p> | <p>Check here for updates.</p> <p>Your ICE officer number should be on your client's check in sheet. If not, call the general line: 612.843.8600</p> |

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| <p>USCIS Local Office</p> | <p>All benefits interviews cancelled between March 19 and April 3</p> <p>Info pass appointments scheduled through the contact center will continue at our office to address emergent issues.</p> <p>Naturalization interviews scheduled at Application Support Centers are canceled; however, biometrics appointments will continue as usual.</p> | <p>You can find updated information on USCIS office closings here.</p> |
| <p>USCIS benefits (T visa, EADs, travel documents, family petitions, etc.)</p> | <p>No current plans to stop processing.</p> | <p>USCIS.gov</p> |

The city of Minneapolis has also developed a one-stop-shop for updates that you can find [here](#).