

Immigration Resources in Reponse to COVID-19

.....

Immigration Courts (also known as Executive Office of Immigration)

Q: Are the Immigration Courts still open?

A: Most immigration courts are still open, but many hearings are cancelled. Right now, all immigration courts have cancelled 'non-detained' hearings from March 16-May 1, 2020. If you have a hearing during this timeframe, it will be cancelled and the Court will reschedule it later.

You can see a daily update at the immigration courts website. Updates are listed by court location: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/eoir-operational-status-during-coronavirus-pandemic>.

Q: What is a non-detained hearing?

A: A non-detained hearing means you are not in immigration detention.

Q: How can I check on my hearing?

A: You can check on your hearing by calling the automatic hotline at 1-800-898-7180. To find your hearing, you need your "A Number", which is a 9 digit number, starting with the letter A. It is on your immigration paperwork. It might look like: A209-000-000.

When you call the number, it will tell you the type of hearing and your hearing date. If your hearing date is a time between March 16 and May 1, 2020, your hearing will be postponed

and rescheduled by the Court. The Court will send you a notice in the mail with your new hearing date. You can continue to check the automatic hotline for your new hearing date, but it may take awhile for automated system to be updated.

Q: When will I get a new hearing date?

A: If your hearing is postponed, the Court will mail you a new hearing notice at least 10 days before your new hearing date. Make sure you watch for the notice in the mail! It is very important to keep your address up to date with the Court.

Q: I moved and have a new address, how do I update my address with the immigration court?

A: Fill out a change of address form and mail it to the court. If your case is in Ohio, this is the form to fill out: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/640091/download>

If your immigration case is in another state, you can find the form here: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/form-eoir-33-eoir-immigration-court-listing>

.....

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

Q: What cases does USCIS handle?

A: USCIS is the immigration office that handles:

- Applications to bring family members to the U.S.
- Certain Asylum Cases
- Citizenship (Naturalization)
- DACA
- Green Cards (Applications for Legal Permanent Residency)
- Special Immigration Juvenile Status (SIJS)
- U Visas (U Nonimmigrant Status)
- T Visas (T Nonimmigrant Status)
- Work Permit (Applications for Working in the U.S. and Employment Authorization)
- Travel Documents for Refugees
- VAWA Self-Petitions

Q: Is USCIS open?

A: No, USCIS offices are closed for in person appointments.

Q: What if I have an appointment or interview scheduled with USCIS?

A: All appointments between March 18th and May 3, 2020 will be rescheduled. It is possible that hearings after May 3 will also be rescheduled. You will get a new appointment date and time in the mail from USCIS.

This includes asylum appointments. USCIS asylum will send interview cancellation notices and automatically reschedule asylum interviews. When the interview is rescheduled, you will receive a new interview notice with the new time, date and location for the interview.

Q: What About Naturalization Oath Ceremonies?

A: If you have an oath ceremony scheduled from March 18 through at least May 3, USCIS will automatically reschedule your ceremony. You will receive notice of your rescheduled ceremony by mail. If you do not receive a notice within 90 days, you can contact the USCIS Contact Center, <https://www.uscis.gov/contactcenter>

Q: What if I had an appointment to be fingerprinted?

A: Fingerprinting appointments at an Application Support Center are also cancelled and will be rescheduled.

If your fingerprint appointment was for an application to extend your work permit (Employment Authorization Document (“EAD”)), USCIS will use your fingerprint results from your previous work permit application to process your pending application.

If you have questions or need legal assistance, please call the
Legal Aid line at **(513) 241-9400**