



**May 18 - 24, 2020**

### **What's Happening?**

**Citing coronavirus, US won't release migrant children - LA Times**

**US preparing for indefinite Covid-19 border restrictions - NY Times**

**TX meatpacking plant OKs state testing of workers - Texas Tribune**

**DHS starting to collect DNA of arrested undocumented immigrants – Politico**

**Financial help for California's undocumented starts Monday - Cal Matters**

**Immigration agency that issues green cards, visas struggles to stay afloat - NY Times**

**Worker from Congo dies after Covid-19 outbreak at Iowa plant - AP**

**With new border rules, US has granted only 2 people refuge since late March during Covid-19 outbreak - Wash Post**

**Immigrants on H-1B and other work visas may face deportation - NY Times**

**Supreme Court rejects illegal immigration ruling - Reuters**

**Immigrants are overrepresented among Florida's essential workers - Miami Herald**

**Immigrants worry unemployment benefits could hinder green card applications – NPR**

**US postpones migrant hearings until June 19 - WLTZ/CNN**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Loving God, inspired by Jesus' death and resurrection, may we be a source of hope and acceptance for Dreamers, demonstrating that modern tragedies such as the rejection of immigrants won't have the final say. May we greet each stranger as a neighbor and invite the discouraged to rekindle hope and to see God's love and truth in people and places where we may have never looked before. AMEN. (Faith4DACA)**

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition if you want vote by mail implemented through November to protect our elections. <https://www.standtallforamerica.com/petition/vote-by-mail-covid/a/?fbclid=IwAR0ZAOUq4llwARhrEoO09696kPV7a1yiNDOnsi-126TagTev8xpfQkquYPA>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your MOC and tell them to protect our vote by supporting funding for safe and fair elections. [https://nraf-ndrc.bsd.net/co/safe-elections?email=lbrayerjpic2%40gmail.com&firstname=Lori&lastname=Brayer&zip=60068&city=Park%20Ridge&state=IL&phone=&addr1=218%20east%20lahon%20street%0A&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=ndrc&utm\\_content=1+-+Contact+your+member+of+Congress+and+dema&utm\\_campaign=20200429\\_AOTL\\_CallOut3\\_Actives&source=20200429\\_AOTL\\_CallOut3\\_Actives](https://nraf-ndrc.bsd.net/co/safe-elections?email=lbrayerjpic2%40gmail.com&firstname=Lori&lastname=Brayer&zip=60068&city=Park%20Ridge&state=IL&phone=&addr1=218%20east%20lahon%20street%0A&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ndrc&utm_content=1+-+Contact+your+member+of+Congress+and+dema&utm_campaign=20200429_AOTL_CallOut3_Actives&source=20200429_AOTL_CallOut3_Actives)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition and demand that the Senate pass legislation that would strengthen voting rights. We must protect every citizen's right to vote.**

[https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-we-must-act-immediately-to-protect-the-right-to-vote-for-everyone?source=2020VotingRightsAct\\_PFAW&referrer=group-pfaw&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fact.pfaw.org%2Fdonate%2Fsenate-VRAA-afteraction-ja%2F](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-we-must-act-immediately-to-protect-the-right-to-vote-for-everyone?source=2020VotingRightsAct_PFAW&referrer=group-pfaw&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fact.pfaw.org%2Fdonate%2Fsenate-VRAA-afteraction-ja%2F)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: Save the US Postal Service. Mail revenues are down due to Covid-19 and we need the USPS for the 2020 elections to support a robust mail in voting system. Please send a letter to Congress to support the USPS:**

[https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-all-states-pass-no-excuse-absentee-voting-laws-ahead-of-the-2020-election?source=20200408\\_AbsenteeBallotsC3\\_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&redirect=http%3A%2F%2Ffranciscanaction.org%2Fdonate%2F&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=c0172a71-acb8-41ed-abe5-5f6c949dc7ef](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-all-states-pass-no-excuse-absentee-voting-laws-ahead-of-the-2020-election?source=20200408_AbsenteeBallotsC3_FAN&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&redirect=http%3A%2F%2Ffranciscanaction.org%2Fdonate%2F&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=c0172a71-acb8-41ed-abe5-5f6c949dc7ef)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Trump, Senators and House members to support the public postal service, now during this crisis. Learn more and take action here:**

[https://usmailnotforsale.org/take-action/?link\\_id=14&can\\_id=402374a438c43d28bfddeec717e4e077&source=email-democracy-initiative-update-040320&email\\_referrer=email\\_779338&email\\_subject=democracy-initiative-update-042020&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d1dd638a-6cfa-4217-aeb4-8db375145f46](https://usmailnotforsale.org/take-action/?link_id=14&can_id=402374a438c43d28bfddeec717e4e077&source=email-democracy-initiative-update-040320&email_referrer=email_779338&email_subject=democracy-initiative-update-042020&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d1dd638a-6cfa-4217-aeb4-8db375145f46)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: urge Congress to stop Trump's new immigration and family ban.**

<https://greateras1.org/take-action-urge-congress-to-stop-trumps-new-immigration-family-ban/>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell ICE: Release all immigrants at risk of coronavirus.**

[https://www.raicetexas.org/2020/03/14/tell-ice-release-all-immigrants-at-risk-of-coronavirus/?ms=20190313\\_karnes\\_complaint&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d6b12eee-e12c-4391-8536-f3671861b65f](https://www.raicetexas.org/2020/03/14/tell-ice-release-all-immigrants-at-risk-of-coronavirus/?ms=20190313_karnes_complaint&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=d6b12eee-e12c-4391-8536-f3671861b65f)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Trump and Act DHS Sec Wolf - Stop deportations to Mexico and Central America. Please sign the petition:**

<https://lawq.salsalabs.org/stopdeportations/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=e08796d6-ca76-4ceb-bfc4-13ed5b09e46a>

### **Action Three: Education**

**Three DACA recipients start fund for immigrants -** <https://www.indystar.com/story/news/local/2020/05/05/indiana-daca-recipients-create-support-fund-undocumented-families/3011155001/>

**Rejected by the US, migrants in Mexico face danger -** <https://theintercept.com/2020/05/11/coronavirus-migrants-mexico/>

**Inmate dies of Covid-19, at facility ICE detainees call cramped and unsanitary-**

<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/health-science/coronavirus/2020/05/14/369407/amid-covid-19-outbreak-ice-detainees-say-theyre-facing-unsanitary-and-cramped-conditions/>

**Financial help for California's undocumented starts Monday -** [https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2020/05/financial-help-available-californias-undocumented-immigrants-monday/#\\_blank](https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2020/05/financial-help-available-californias-undocumented-immigrants-monday/#_blank)

**Migrant kids with ready sponsors aren't being released -** <https://www.revealnews.org/article/families-are-standing-by-to-take-in-migrant-kids-but-the-government-wont-let-them-out/>

**Action Three: Education Action Three: Education Action Four: Action - ONGOING:**

**BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS:** The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email [hello@icdichicago.org](mailto:hello@icdichicago.org) with a request.

**Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep)** The US Post Office exists to serve the public good and is essential to the healthy functioning of our society. We can't allow a great American institution to fall victim to partisan politics. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR E**