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What's Happening?

Family separation is back for migrants at US/Mexico border, say advocates - NBC News

Trump expected to broaden foreign workers ban - Politico

US indefinitely extends border shutdown - AP

US mining data to determine citizenship status of adults - NPR

ICE sued over health measures at NY State detention facility - AP

Texas makes money on undocumented immigrants - Houston Chronicle

US tightens illegal crossings from Canada - AP

Health experts slam Trump admin use of public health law to close borders - CNN

Undocumented workers apply for covid19 aid, website crashes - Fresno Bee

Faced with choice, migrant parents in ICE detention, refuse to separate from children - NBC

More than 1,000 migrants in ICE custody now have Covid-19 - Philadelphia Inquirer

Seattle city council calls for \$100M relief fund for illegal immigrants - Seattle Times

Action One: Prayer

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit. For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight. For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all. For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity. For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance. Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen. (USCCB)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

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 - 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-

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your policymakers to protect asylum during this time and restore US leadership in protecting the most vulnerable among us. <https://www.jrsusa.org/take-action/jrs-advocates/protect-us-asylum/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=29dd683f-1219-4d03-ac62-608887666ec1>

NATIONAL LEVEL - As many predicted, President Trump is expected to extend and expand his April 22 immigration ban to include additional foreign worker restrictions. CLINIC is calling on interfaith voices to take action against the immigration ban.
[https://p2a.co/WEt1Y7m?ct=t\(AgencyUpdate_052620\)](https://p2a.co/WEt1Y7m?ct=t(AgencyUpdate_052620))

NATIONAL LEVEL - ICE is taking advantage of a global pandemic to enact policies that damage immigrant children and families. We will not stand for Family Separation 2.0. Email Chad Wolf, acting Sec of DHS and urge him to release these families.
https://www.raicestexas.org/2020/05/18/action-to-email-secretary-wolf/?ms=em20200519_families&emci=%7b%7bEmailMessageContentId%7d%7d&emdi=%7b%7bDistributionId%7d%7d&contactdata=%7b%7bContactData%7d%7d&ceid=98335

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign on now to protect the US Post Office. https://act.myngp.com/Forms/-898951844701795584?utm_source=fb&utm_medium=om&utm_campaign=lb&utm_content=om_fb_lb_20200429_fb-lb-mar20-dpost_paengll-chi_uspsc1_uspsi1&ms=om_fb_lb_20200429_fb-lb-mar20-dpost_paengll-chi_uspsc1_uspsi1&refcode=om_fb_lb_20200429_fb-lb-mar20-dpost_paengll-chi_uspsc1_uspsi1&fbclid=IwAR2hEvUq9bmU21XRWYh8C34TLuqKqXhodqLkIOUX-mKro9Fm2AJg-blwoo4

Action Three: Education

Family separation is back at US/Mexico border, say advocates -

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/family-separation-back-migrants-u-s-mexican-border-say-advocates-n1208186>

More than 1,000 migrants in ICE custody now have coronavirus - <https://www.inquirer.com/news/ice-detention-coronavirus-covid-19-pike-berks-pennsylvania-migrant-immigration-20200519.html>

Deportation with a layover - Failure of protection under the US-Guatemala Asylum Cooperative Agreement - <https://www.hrw.org/report/2020/05/19/deportation-layover/failure-protection-under-us-guatemala-asylum-cooperative>

Trump admin is rushing deportations of migrant children during coronavirus pandemic - <https://www.propublica.org/article/the-trump-administration-is-rushing-deportations-of-migrant-children-during-coronavirus>

Illegal immigration a benefit to Texas economy, new study finds -

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/politics/texas/article/Illegal-immigration-not-a-drain-on-Texas-economy-15278150.php?cmpid=gsa-chron-result>

With no citizenship question, Trump officials turn to these records -

<https://www.npr.org/2020/05/20/855062093/to-figure-out-whos-a-citizen-trump-administration-is-using-these-records>

Liberate Naturalization Ceremonies - https://thebulwark.com/liberate-naturalization-ceremonies/?utm_source=afternoon-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The+Bulwark+Newsletter&utm_campaign=131c9136a9-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_22_09_15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f4bd64ac2e-131c9136a9-79717933

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 with a request.

Action Five: Social Media – (@ Sen/Rep) Family separation wasn't accidental. The admin continues to attack children and immigrant families. We believe every person should be treated with dignity and kept safe. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS**