



The Impact of COVID-19 in Undocumented and Immigrant Communities

As the Coronavirus sweeps across our nation, many undocumented and immigrant workers may be among the least able to self-isolate and seek the medical care that is essential to protecting their health and slowing the spread of the disease. Some of those without health insurance fear that going to a public hospital or clinic will ruin their chances of getting a Green Card under the Trump Administration's tough new [public assistance regulations for immigrants](#). Other immigrants fear putting themselves in the crosshairs of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) if they step forward for help.

Undocumented immigrants who make up a significant portion of the workforce in the service and hospitality industry have lost their livelihoods. Immigrant detention systems have created spaces that are now putting people at extremely high risk. There is unclear planning or transparency in most places regarding how people in those facilities — and our broader community — will be protected in the days and weeks ahead.

Many front-line workers leading the response to the pandemic in the arenas such as public health, agriculture, food preparation and delivery, and cleaning and maintenance are immigrant or undocumented workers. CWA stands with immigrant rights advocates on calling on lawmakers to ensure inclusion of lawful permanent residents, DACA and TPS recipients, and undocumented immigrants in Coronavirus related healthcare provisions and relief efforts. We also call on the Justice Department and ICE to immediately halt raids and arrests of non-violent immigrant populations. We cannot continue as if it is business as usual. Unless steps are taken to guarantee the safety and protection of the most vulnerable among us, there will be dire consequences to our society as a whole.

Available Resources

- [You Have Rights: Protect Your Health - Going to the Doctor](#)
- [Estas Son Las 5 Cosas Que Debes De Saber Acerca De Este Momento](#)
- [Las 5 Cosas Mas Importantes Que Debes Seber Sobre El Coronavirus Y PublicaLa Regla De Carga](#)
- [NEW: Healthcare access for Undocumented Folks in the Time of COVID19](#)
- [NEW: Protecting Asian American and Pacific Islander Working People](#)
- [NEW: AFL-CIO COVID-19 and Immigrant Worker Fact Sheet](#)

Actions/Campaigns



- [PETITION: Stop Raids & Deportations During Coronavirus | #NoTechForICE](#)
- [Petition: SCOTUS: Delay DACA Decision During Covid-19 Pandemic](#)
- [NEW: Stand Against Hatred](#)
- [NEW: Never Again Action Petition](#)