

# PRESIDENT TRUMP'S APRIL 22, 2020 EXECUTIVE ORDER TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND IMMIGRATION INTO THE UNITED STATES



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## WHAT CLIENTS SHOULD KNOW

On April 22, 2020, President Trump issued an Executive Order that suspends the entry of certain immigrants to the United States. Notably, the order does NOT apply to persons who are already in the United States. If you have a case pending before USCIS or the Immigration Court and are concerned the order impacts your case, please make sure to contact your attorney to confirm if the order applies to your case.

Persons affected by the Order include those who are outside the United States as of April 23, 2020, and do not have an immigrant visa valid as of April 23, 2020 and do

not have an official travel document other than a visa (i.e. a transportation letter, an appropriate boarding foil, or an advance parole document) that is valid as of April 23, 2020.

The Order does not apply to lawful permanent residents (LPR) of the United States, persons seeking entry to the United States on an immigrant visa as a physician, nurse or other healthcare professional who seeks to assist with COVID-19 (including spouse and children who are accompanying or following to join), the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program, spouses and children of a United States citizen, prospective

adoptees under the IR-4 or IH-4 visa, members of the United States Armed Forces, as well as their spouse and children, SI or SQ Special Immigrants, or any person whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their respective designees.

The Order does not limit the ability of a person to seek asylum, refugee status, withholding of removal, or protection under the Convention Against Torture. The Order also does NOT create a complete halt on immigration.

## WHAT OUR OFFICE IS DOING

Flecha Law, Ltd. is committed to providing our clients competent representation with compassion and courtesy. We are thinking of our clients and their families who have been impacted by COVID-19. We are closely monitoring the situation and encourage clients to reach out to Attorneys Crucita and Cynthia with any questions or concerns. In case of an emergency, please call or text our main office line at (614) 379-3003.

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## CURRENT STATE OF IMMIGRATION IN THE UNITED STATES

- Routine visa services at all U.S. embassies and consular posts around the world have been suspended as of March 20, 2020. U.S. embassies and consulates continue to provide urgent and emergency visa services as resources allow. The Department of State (DOS) intends to continue to process visa applications for farm workers and medical professionals assisting with COVID-19.
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has temporarily suspended in-person services through at least May 3, 2020, including in-person interviews and biometrics processing. USCIS staff will continue to perform duties that do not involve contact with the public and will provide emergency services for limited in-person situations.
- The U.S. borders with Canada and Mexico are closed for non-essential travel until at least May 20, 2020.
- With some exceptions, the entry of individuals who were present in China, Iran, the Schengen Area, the U.K., and Ireland, during the 14-day period before their attempted entry into the United States has also been suspended.
- Despite these limitations, USCIS continues to accept and process applications and petitions, including applications requesting an extension or change of status.