



**August 17 - 23, 2020**

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

**Stalled stimulus talks could mean thousands of furloughs and halt US immigration system - CNN**

**Postal worker accused of discarding immigration documents - Nevada Indp.**

**Judge orders Covid tests all detainees at Bakersfield Mesa Verde ICE facility; half already positive - Desert Sun**

**Top DHS officials, Wolf and Cuccinelli are not legally eligible to serve in current roles, Gov't Accountability Office finds - Wash Post**

**A private security company is detaining migrant children at hotels - NY Times**

**ICE drops search for contractor to build immigration detention facility in Dwight - Chgo Sun Times**

**Governor sets up \$40-million-dollar relief fund for undocumented immigrants - Seattle Times**

**States ask federal court to block Trump's census order - Reuters**

**Asylum officers say proposal weaponized public health to advance hardline Trump agenda - CBS News**

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Gracious God, God of all compassion and consolation, your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair with hope. Help us to dance with the spirit which calls us out of the valley of dry bones and into God's beloved community, both a present reality and the grounding of our future hope. AMEN. (Devotion by Sister Ann Scholz, Leadership Conference of Women Religious)**

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

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Trump admin fully restore the DACA program. DACA is critical for families. [https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/daca-is-critical-program-for-families-we-need-to-defend-it?detail=emailaction&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-on-protect-daca-2&email\\_referrer=email\\_888931&email\\_subject=add-your-name-make-daca-work](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/daca-is-critical-program-for-families-we-need-to-defend-it?detail=emailaction&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-on-protect-daca-2&email_referrer=email_888931&email_subject=add-your-name-make-daca-work)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand that Congress and the next President enact a plan to combat Covid19 and prevent future pandemics. [https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-enact-a-plan-to-combat-covid-19-and-prevent-future-pandemics?source=2020PandemicPrevention\\_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkcovid19relief%3Frefcode%3D2020SWPandemicPrevention&link\\_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_889076&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_889076&email\\_subject=re-pandemic-plan-in-statefull-default-your-state](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-enact-a-plan-to-combat-covid-19-and-prevent-future-pandemics?source=2020PandemicPrevention_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkcovid19relief%3Frefcode%3D2020SWPandemicPrevention&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_889076&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_889076&email_subject=re-pandemic-plan-in-statefull-default-your-state)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to pass the Dream and Promise Act (HR 6) and reduce funding for ICE and CBP. [http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/DACA-SCOTUS-response/?t=8&referring\\_akid=2223.48167.GScxWI](http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/DACA-SCOTUS-response/?t=8&referring_akid=2223.48167.GScxWI)**

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign this petition to Congress to stop funding ICE detention centers now!**

[https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-to-congress-stop-funding-ice-detention-centers-immediately?source=2020DefundICE&link\\_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email\\_876510&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email\\_referrer=email\\_876510&email\\_subject=signatures-needed-no-more-taxpayer-dollars-to-detention-centers](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-to-congress-stop-funding-ice-detention-centers-immediately?source=2020DefundICE&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_876510&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_876510&email_subject=signatures-needed-no-more-taxpayer-dollars-to-detention-centers)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to include life-saving assistance to impoverished countries fighting the spread of Covid19 in the stimulus package.**

<https://maryknollofficeforglobalconcerns.salsalabs.org/ForeignAssistanceFundingLastSupplPackage/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=1cf52cf2-1fe3-4ac5-9f79-561954926fb7>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to include Puerto Rico in the next stimulus package. We need to support Puerto Rico's demands for a just recovery and economic stimulus -**

[https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-include-puerto-rico-in-the-next-covid-19-stimulus-package?link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-demand-the-senate-include-puerto-rico-in-next-stimulus-package-2&email\\_referrer=email\\_881833&email\\_subject=sign-the-petition-demand-the-senate-include-puerto-rico-in-next-stimulus-package](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-include-puerto-rico-in-the-next-covid-19-stimulus-package?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-demand-the-senate-include-puerto-rico-in-next-stimulus-package-2&email_referrer=email_881833&email_subject=sign-the-petition-demand-the-senate-include-puerto-rico-in-next-stimulus-package)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your Senators to prioritize the poor and vulnerable in the next Covid19 relief package.**

<https://www.voterve.net/USCCB/campaigns/75712/respond>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign and send a petition to your US Senator. Make sure to include undocumented immigrants in Covid relief cash assistance.**

[https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/letters/petition-your-us-senator-thank-you-for-fighting-to-include-undoc-immigrants-in-covid-relief-cash-assistance?detail=emailaction&link\\_id=1&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-quick-signature-needed-thank-your-democratic-senator-for-doing-the-right-thing-2&email\\_referrer=email\\_879320&email\\_subject=take-action-undocumented-immigrants-must-be-included-in-stimulus-payments](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/letters/petition-your-us-senator-thank-you-for-fighting-to-include-undoc-immigrants-in-covid-relief-cash-assistance?detail=emailaction&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-quick-signature-needed-thank-your-democratic-senator-for-doing-the-right-thing-2&email_referrer=email_879320&email_subject=take-action-undocumented-immigrants-must-be-included-in-stimulus-payments)

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Keep borders and pathways to asylum open. Refugees still need our support and help now more than ever. Sign the petition:**

[https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/keep-borders-and-pathways-to-asylum-open?detail=emailaction&link\\_id=4&can\\_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees&email\\_referrer=email\\_853723&email\\_subject=re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees](https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/keep-borders-and-pathways-to-asylum-open?detail=emailaction&link_id=4&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees&email_referrer=email_853723&email_subject=re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees)

**Action Three: Education**

**ICE is making sure migrant kids don't have Covid19 - then expelling them to "prevent the spread" of Covid19 -**

<https://www.propublica.org/article/ice-is-making-sure-migrant-kids-dont-have-covid-19-then-expelling-them-to-prevent-the-spread-of-covid-19>

**Mississippi ICE raids anniversary: undocumented workers now deemed "essential" -**

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/08/09/us/mississippi-ice-raids-one-year-later/index.html>

**The US hired me to protect refugees. Now it tells me to abandon them -**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/refugees-united-states-abandon/2020/08/07/6085e81c-d751-11ea-aff6-220dd3a14741\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/refugees-united-states-abandon/2020/08/07/6085e81c-d751-11ea-aff6-220dd3a14741_story.html)

**Coronavirus in Indiana: Immigrants at higher Covid19 risk, according to new study -**

<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/local/2020/08/11/coronavirus-indianapolis-immigrants-higher-covid-19-infection-risk/3317463001/>

**Marshall Project: Documentary chronicles immigrant mother's struggle during pandemic -**

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/08/11/nowhere-else-to-go>

**Immigration Maximalism at the Supreme Court -**

<https://www.justsecurity.org/71939/immigration-maximalism-at-the-supreme-court/>

**Action Four: Action**

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS:** The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we 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:** (@ [DHS\\_Wolf](#)) The fate of families in detention rests in your hands. To ask parents to separate from their kids or stay detained indefinitely is no choice at all. That's no choice parents should have to face. **Thank you for all your efforts!**