



Homeland Security

Highlights

COVID-19 Work ICE

- With the increased concern in the rapid spread of infectious diseases, particularly in congregant settings, such as detention facilities, CRCL is reviewing how ICE is managing its medical isolation and quarantine processes and how ICE addresses medical, legal and other ramifications.
- CRCL will investigate detainee transfers since the beginning the COVID-19 pandemic.
- CRCL is reviewing ICE’s implementation of detainee reviews for possible releases due to COVID-19 vulnerabilities.

CBP

- CRCL has reviewed the effect of COVID-19 on CBP operations and efforts to respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among the workforce and traveling public.
- CRCL has opened investigations into CBP’s implementation of the CDC Order under Title 42, as well as USBP processing and provision of medical care to individuals encountered during the pandemic.

Religious Freedom

- CRCL is reviewing several allegations that CBP officers at ports of entry have inappropriately questioned travelers about their religious beliefs and practices.

CBP Inspections

- CRCL has issued four recommendation memos related to complaints regarding CBP’s interaction with travelers undergoing primary and secondary inspection at ports of entry.

Disability Complaints

- To date this fiscal year, CRCL has investigated 26 complaints alleging violations of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, doubling the 12 complaints CRCL investigated in FY19. CRCL has issued ten findings that component agencies have violated Section 504 and completed six informal resolutions.

Maintaining Family Unity of Children with Disabilities

- CRCL completed an investigation and issued recommendations in draft to CBP focused on maintaining the family unity of families including children with disabilities.

FPS – CRCL Signage at all FPS Posts

- CRCL received confirmation that the FPS implementation of CRCL’s recommendation regarding signage at all FPS posts about how to report allegations of misconduct or civil rights violations that may arise during the security screening process has been completed in the National Capital Region. CRCL also received assurances that all FPS Regional leadership are complying and will be monitored.

BY THE NUMBERS

393	Complaints Opened	254	Complaints Closed
1,339	Allegations Received	5	Expert Recommendation Memos
7	Final Policy Recommendation Memos	13	Informal Resolutions

Onsites*



ICE ●

- South Texas Family Residential Center
- Worcester County Detention Center
- Wakulla County Jail
- Pine Prairie ICE Processing Center
- Richwood Correctional Center

CBP ●

- Yuma Station
- San Luis Port of Entry

*CRCL onsite were delayed temporarily due to ongoing health risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. CRCL is transitioning to conducting its onsite “virtually” and will begin these onsite inspections in August 2020.