

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
SOUTH TEXAS ICE PROCESSING CENTER
566 VETERAN DRIVE
PEARSALL, TX 78061**

STANDING ORDER OF THE PEARSALL IMMIGRATION COURT

(Superseding the order issued March 19, 2020)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pearsall Immigration Court is implementing the below safety precautions until further notice:

1. In-person appearances in the courtroom are limited to the following individuals: Respondent, Respondent's counsel, DHS counsel, Court interpreter, essential EOIR staff and security personnel. See ICPM § 4.9(a)(ii) (citing 8 C.F.R. § 1003.27(b)). No more than eight respondents will be allowed in the courtroom at any time.
2. Video conferencing ("VTC") will be utilized to the greatest extent possible, and any necessary witnesses will be allowed to appear by telephone. See ICPM § 4.7(b).
3. Limited exceptions to the above orders may be accommodated on a case-by-case basis and must be requested by written motion prior to the day of the hearing.
4. Any individual having business in person before the Court must notify the Court immediately by telephone if any of the following apply:
 - a. The individual is displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19 exposure
 - b. The individual has been diagnosed with COVID-19
 - c. The individual is pending results of a COVID-19 diagnostic test
 - d. Within the past 14 days, the individual has had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19
 - e. The individual has been asked to self-quarantine by local health authorities or a medical provider

No individual described in one of the above categories will be permitted into the EOIR court space.

Attorneys who would like to appear telephonically for a particular case should inform the Immigration Judge's legal assistant in advance of the hearing by email and should provide the best phone number at which to be reached. Emails can be sent to the Pearsall Immigration Court email inbox at: Pearsall.Immigration.Court@USDOJ.GOV

Effective date: April 2, 2020

Clay N. Martin
Assistant Chief Immigration Judge