

IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE

Please familiarize yourself with the information below, especially the steps you should take or avoid so as not to jeopardize yourself or others.

Background:

- Patients do not need ID or proof of immigration status to seek care at the Clinic.
- The Clinic does not ask about immigration status.
- Private information, including patient records, is not shared without patient consent, unless required by law.
- The Clinic does not receive federal funding and clinic services are free to all patients. Therefore, services patients receive at the clinic are not considered a “public benefit” as it relates to immigration status.
- In Washington, **state and local law enforcement agencies, including Seattle Police Department, do not have the authority to enforce immigration laws.** Immigration law enforcement is exclusively a federal function.
- The City of Seattle policy that prohibits immigration enforcement staging, operations, or processing on City-owned and City-controlled property (e.g. Seattle Center), **does not prohibit immigration enforcement agents from coming onto campus, being in public areas, and/or serving warrants.**
- **The three facilities where clinical care is provided (McCaw Hall, Exhibition Hall, Cornish Playhouse) are designated non-public areas.** Signs will be posted, and credentials are required for entry. Immigration enforcement agents would need a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge to enter.
- **The ticket distribution facility (Fisher Pavilion) is a public area.** Immigration enforcement agents cannot be prevented from entering, walking around the facility, or talking to any person.

If federal agents should appear:

- **Officials from Seattle Center, the Mayor’s Office, and City Attorney’s Office will be responsible for legal review and management of the situation.**
- Remain calm and assertive in following Clinic protocol.
- Do not answer any questions or respond to any requests. Contact a Clinic leadership member immediately.
 - **“I am not authorized to respond to your questions or requests. Let me get someone to assist.”** (They should wait in a **public** area)
- Try to prevent federal agents from entering healthcare/clinical facilities (non-public areas). Contact a Clinic leadership member immediately.
 - **“You do not have consent to enter this non-public area. Let me get someone to assist.”**

- Do not put yourself in harm's way.
- Do not provide **any** information about **any** person.
- Do not lie - remain silent instead.
- Do not hide or conceal any person.
- Do not help any person to flee.
- Do not give legal advice to any person.
- So as not to cause/escalate tension, fear, or panic:
 - **Do not photograph, video, or record the situation** (officials listed above will be responsible for documentation).
 - **Do not broadcast the situation over the radio, via phone, text, or social media.**