

# *U.S. judge orders ICE to release immigrant children over coronavirus fears*

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Washington, June 29 (RHC)-- A U.S. federal judge has ordered Immigration and Customs Enforcement to release immigrant children from its "family detention centers" due to concerns over rising coronavirus infections. The order affects two immigrant prisons in Texas and one in Pennsylvania, as well as facilities housing unaccompanied minors.

Last week, court documents revealed 11 immigrants held inside a prison for families in Karnes, Texas, tested positive for COVID-19. U.S. District Judge Dolly Gee wrote, "The [facilities] are 'on fire' and there is no more time for half measures." At least 750 ICE prisoners and 45 ICE workers have tested positive for the coronavirus.



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