IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NANCY GIMENA HUISHA-HUISHA, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)))
v.) No. 1:21-CV-00100-EGS
ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, Secretary of Homeland Security, in his official capacity, et al.,)))
Defendants.)))

DECLARATION OF 32 MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS

The undersigned hereby declare:

- 1. We make this declaration based on our own personal knowledge and if called to testify could and would do so competently and truthfully to these matters.
- 2. We have carefully reviewed the latest Title 42 order issued by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and conclude that it still does not provide adequate public health justifications for expelling asylum-seeking families at the border. *See* CDC, *Order Suspending the Right to Introduce Certain Persons from Countries Where a Quarantinable Communicable Disease Exists* (Aug. 2, 2021) (hereinafter "CDC Order"), https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/CDC-Order-Suspending-Right-to-Introduce- Final 8-2-21.pdf.
- 3. Based on our professional opinion as epidemiologists, medical doctors, public health experts, and former officials from the CDC, we believe that:
 - Families seeking asylum at the southwest border can be admitted, processed, and transported in a manner that safeguards public health, notwithstanding the COVID-19 pandemic and the currently circulating variants of the COVID-19 virus;
 - Migrants are not responsible for increases in COVID-19 infections, nor did they introduce the current variants into the United States;
 - Processing of asylum seekers, with mitigation strategies, presents no greater risk than that posed by countless activities currently allowed by the CDC (such as indoor sporting events, dining, and concerts); and
 - The CDC Order does *not* conclude that the processing of asylum seekers cannot be done safely. Rather, the CDC has concluded that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has not taken all of the recommended mitigation steps, despite having had more than a year to do so.

- 4. In short, the CDC Order is an indictment of the DHS's yearlong failure to adopt reasonable mitigation steps in order to safely process asylum-seeking families, and not a conclusion by CDC that migrants present an unacceptable public health risk. The CDC Order also makes clear that where the federal government has wanted to allocate resources toward mitigation protocols for migrants entering the United States, it can do so, as it did when it exempted unaccompanied minors from Title 42.
- 5. In its order, the CDC "recognizes [that] the availability of testing, vaccines, and other mitigation protocols can minimize risk" of COVID-19 transmission during border processing. CDC Order at 3. Thus, according to the CDC, the primary reason that asylum-seeking families are still being subjected to Title 42 is because of DHS's failure to expand available mitigation measures:

CDC considers these efforts [to expand testing, consequence management, and vaccination programs] to be a critical risk reduction measure and encourages DHS to evaluate the potential expansion of such COVID-19 mitigation programs for [family units] such that they may be excepted from this Order in the future.

- *Id.* at 22. The CDC also stated that it "encourages DHS to develop such programs as quickly as practicable." *Id.*
- 6. The CDC further recognized that the federal government has successfully implemented those mitigation steps in order to process unaccompanied children without posing "a significant level of risk for COVID-19 spread into the community"—DHS simply has not done the same for families. *See id.* at 17.
- 7. To date, Title 42 has not been lifted for any subset of asylum-seeking families, even though the CDC has concluded that "[i]n light of available mitigation measures," "the gradual resumption of normal border operations under Title 8 is feasible" with "careful planning." *Id.* at 18.
- 8. Effective mitigation measures have enabled this country to re-open, return to in-person schooling, travel, religious practice, indoor sporting events and other regular activities. The risks from allowing migrants fleeing persecution and danger into the United States are minimal considering the number of mitigation tools available, and certainly not greater than risks associated with many activities that the CDC currently sanctions.
- 9. By utilizing highly effective vaccines and following the other practical mitigation recommendations (set forth below), Defendants can ensure the health of government

employees, noncitizens, and communities in the United States. These mitigation concepts are not novel in the context of border processing.¹

SARS-CoV-2 and Its Variants Do Not Provide a Public Health Basis to Exclude Asylum-Seeking Families From the United States.

- 10. The CDC has recognized that mitigation strategies continue to be effective against all known variants of the COVID-19 virus, including the Delta variant, the dominant strain currently circulating in the United States. *See, e.g.*, CDC Order at 7.
- 11. Title 42 expulsions at the southwest border cannot prevent the introduction of the Delta variant into the country, because the variant is already widespread in the United States.²
- 12. There is no evidence that any of the four variants of concern to the CDC originated in a person crossing the southwest border.³

Minimizing Transmission Risk During Border Processing.

- 13. A package of risk mitigation strategies is effective even if no individual strategy completely blocks transmission on its own. By combining multiple strategies, including vaccinations, testing, masking, ventilation, and sanitizing, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) can safely process asylum-seeking families while minimizing transmission of COVID-19.
- 14. On July 29, 2021, President Biden announced a requirement that millions of federal employees and contractors be vaccinated or be subjected to rigorous safety protocols.⁴
- 15. Ensuring that only fully-vaccinated government agents are placed in migrant-facing roles would largely eliminate the risks of serious illness, hospitalization, and death among government personnel from COVID-19; it would also significantly reduce transmission of SARS-CoV-2 between government personnel and migrants.
- 16. Offering COVID-19 vaccinations to migrants would further dampen cycles of transmission. All migrants should be offered a vaccine when they come into CBP

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Columbia Mailman School of Public Health, *Public Health Recommendations for Processing Families, Children and Adults Seeking Asylum or Other Protection at the Border* (Dec. 12, 2020), https://www.publichealth.columbia.edu/research/program-forced-migration-and-health/public-health-recommendations-processing-families-children-and-adults-seeking-asylum-or-other.

² See CDC, Variant Proportions (last updated Aug. 3, 2021), https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions.

³ See CDC, SARS-CoV-2 Variant Classifications and Definitions (last updated Aug. 3, 2021), https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/variant-info.html.

The White House, Fact Sheet: President Biden to Announce New Actions to Get More Americans Vaccinated and Slow the Spread of the Delta Variant (July 29, 2021), https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/07/29/fact-sheet-president-biden-to-announce-new-actions-to-get-more-americans-vaccinated-and-slow-the-spread-of-the-delta-variant/.

- custody, or shortly after leaving CBP custody, regardless of whether or not they are ultimately allowed to remain in the country.
- 17. The U.S. government has adequate vaccine supplies to take this step.⁵ DHS should also offer vaccine information in multiple languages to increase vaccine uptake.
- 18. Vaccination programs for migrants arriving at the southwest border are reportedly being considered by DHS and CBP and should be implemented immediately, as recommended by the CDC.⁶ In the past, CBP has reportedly resisted the CDC's recommendation to vaccinate migrants, acting contrary to public health.⁷
- 19. In addition to vaccinations, transmission could be further reduced by maximizing outdoor processing, such as by repurposing parking lots and other well-ventilated spaces. The CDC Order noted that processing for Title 42 expulsions generally takes place outdoors. CDC Order at 15. However, if CBP were to similarly shift processing for those allowed to enter the country to outdoor settings or semi-outdoor spaces with open-sided structures, transmission risk would be substantially reduced.
- 20. Even if congregate processing indoors were necessary, there are numerous safeguards that minimize the risk of transmission in such settings.
- 21. For instance, as one layer of protection, indoor facilities can utilize air filtration or other means of improving ventilation, such as reducing recirculation of air and opening windows.
- 22. When families are indoors, transmission can be mitigated through masking, social distancing, and hand-sanitizing, all of which remain effective against all known variants of the COVID-19 virus. All building occupants could be instructed to wear masks in the correct manner and to use surgical masks or respirators with better filtration instead of cloth masks. See CDC, Improve the Fit and Filtration of Your Mask to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19 (last updated Apr. 6, 2021), https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/mask-fit-and-filtration.html.
- 23. Mobile testing units deploying rapid antigen tests could be used to test individuals for COVID-19 before they enter an indoor, congregate setting. According to the CDC, in congregate settings, "rapid testing can be implemented to identify infected persons so

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See, e.g., The White House, Fact Sheet: President Biden Announces Major Milestone in Administration's Global Vaccination Efforts: More Than 100 Million U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Donated and Shipped Abroad (Aug. 3, 2021) (stating that United States government will deliver "hundreds of millions of more doses" to other countries "in the coming weeks"), https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/08/03/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-major-milestone-in-administrations-global-vaccination-efforts-more-than-100-million-u-s-covid-19-vaccine-doses-donated-and-shipped-abroad.

See The Washington Post, Biden administration preparing to offer vaccines to migrants along Mexico border (Aug. 3, 2021), https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/biden-vaccines-migrants-border/2021/08/03/afaff516-f471-11eb-83e7-06a8a299c310_story.html.

⁷ CNN, *CDC urged US Customs and Border Protection to vaccinate migrants, but they rejected the idea* (Nov. 26, 2019), https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/26/health/cdc-vaccinations-migrants-border-patrol/index.html.

- they can be isolated until they no longer pose a risk of spreading infections." CDC Order at 9. The rapid testing could be part of the COVID-19 medical screenings and temperature checks already conducted by CBP prior to taking noncitizens into custody. *Id.* at 13.
- 24. Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 from the antigen test should be immediately referred for medical care and isolation while they await a PCR test to confirm the COVID-19 diagnosis. CBP can work with local health authorities, shelters, and humanitarian assistance organizations to find additional facilities, like unused dormitory and hotel facilities, to allow such individuals to isolate and undergo additional testing.
- 25. According to the CDC, CBP already has testing, quarantine, and isolation systems set up for most family units, who are not typically detained. *See id.* at 14.
- 26. According to the CDC, CBP has already been implementing several other mitigation strategies at its facilities. *Id.* at 13 ("CBP has implemented a variety of mitigation efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in [CBP] facilities. CBP has invested in engineering upgrades, such as installing plexiglass dividers in facilities where physical distancing is not possible and enhancing ventilation systems. All CBP facilities adhere to CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfection. Surgical masks are provided to all persons in custody and are changed at least daily and if or when they become wet or soiled. Personal protective equipment (PPE) and guidance are regularly provided to CBP personnel. Recognizing the value of vaccination, CBP is encouraging vaccination among its workforce.").
- 27. We are not aware of any reason that DHS could not take additional mitigation steps beyond those it has already taken, if it were willing to allocate sufficient resources. Nor does the CDC Order explain why DHS could not take such additional mitigation steps.
- 28. The above precautionary measures, combined with testing (including rapid testing), quarantine, isolation, and vaccinations, provide multiple layers of protection against transmission, minimize disease transmission, and enable asylum-seeking families to be processed without posing a significant public health risk.

Minimizing Transmission Risk During Transport.

- 29. Mitigation strategies are effective in preventing transmission of COVID-19 when asylum-seeking families have to be transported by CBP prior to release.
- 30. Ensuring that all migrant-facing CBP personnel are vaccinated and masked, and that all noncitizens are tested prior to boarding, cohorted by COVID-19 status and known exposure, and masked will significantly reduce transmission risk. These steps for minimizing transmission during air and ground transportation are already outlined in CDC guidance. See CDC, Interim Guidance for Transporting or Arranging Transportation by Air into, from, or within the United States of People with COVID-19 or

- *COVID-19 Exposure* (Jan. 19, 2021), https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/interim-guidance-transporting.html.
- 31. Transmission risk can be further mitigated by using larger capacity vehicles, improving ventilation by opening windows, minimizing recirculation of air by the heating/cooling system, seating individuals in a socially distanced manner, and sanitizing vehicles between uses.
- 32. In the event that a longer trip is necessary, vehicle occupancy can be reduced to mitigate transmission risk.

Public Health Alternatives to Expulsion.

- 33. Expulsions magnify the risks of COVID-19 transmission to CBP personnel and border communities.
- 34. Title 42 expulsions encourage repeat interactions between noncitizens and CBP. According to CBP, "[t]he large number of expulsions during the pandemic has contributed to a larger-than-usual number of noncitizens making multiple border crossing attempts." CBP, CBP Announces May 2021 Operational Update (June 9, 2021), https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-announces-may-2021-operational-update. Noncitizens subject to expulsion are generally expelled across the border into Mexico via the nearest port of entry. See CDC Order at 14.
- 35. According to CBP statistics, approximately 35-40% of noncitizens encountered at the southwest border are repeat encounters. *See* CBP, *CBP Announces June 2021 Operational Update* (July 16, 2019), https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-announces-june-2021-operational-update. CBP, *CBP Announces May 2021 Operational Update* (June 9, 2021), https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-announces-may-2021-operational-update.
- 36. Rather than increasing transmission opportunities by multiplying the number of direct interactions, DHS and CBP should implement proven public health strategies, such as testing and quarantine and vaccination programs for migrants.
- 37. According to the CDC, a protocol for testing, quarantine, and vaccination (when age-appropriate) has enabled unaccompanied children to be placed in congregate shelters or released to sponsors (who can assist with compliance with medical guidance) "without posing a significant public health risk." CDC Order at 17.
- 38. The same can be done for asylum-seeking families, the overwhelming number of whom have sponsors, family, or friends in the United States who can assist with compliance

- with medical and public health direction. A recent study found that "91.9% [of asylum seekers] have family or close friends who live in the U.S."
- 39. According to the CDC, CBP has already developed partnerships "with state and local agencies and non-governmental organizations to facilitate COVID-19 testing of [families] upon release from CBP custody." CDC Order at 14. Highly effective vaccines are already available upon demand in the United States, free of charge, to all individuals 12 or older, in local pharmacies and other accessible locations.
- 40. To the extent that such resources for testing and quarantine are limited, DHS and HHS should procure additional testing and quarantine capacity or provide funding to local and state groups. The use of quarantine hotels or motels could be quickly scaled up or down as needed.
- 41. Asylum-seeking families in the United States can also be directed to shelter in place at their ultimate destinations.
- 42. Additionally, HHS and CDC should assist with expanding quarantine and isolation capacity through the use of temporary or mobile housing units, in coordination with local health authorities.

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U.S. Immigration Policy Center at UC San Diego, *Seeking Asylum: Part 2* 13(Oct. 29, 2019), https://usipc.ucsd.edu/publications/usipc-seeking-asylum-part-2-final.pdf?fbclid=IwAR07M_jP1Wy8KIn85d0jnw0Kobiz-MR7XeAIT77c9afuRInkd7sHL21FE1Q.

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