

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020 - VOLUME 3 - SPECIAL EDITION Supporting Immigrant Communities Amid COVID-19 Crisis



APILO IS HERE TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

The number of domestic violence cases continue to rise during the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order. Emergency Protective Order (EPO) and Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DVRO) can help you and your child to be protected from an abuser.

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER (TRO) & DV RESTRAINING ORDER (DVRO):

- TRO is issued before the parties have an opportunity for a formal hearing for a permanent DVRO. Once granted, it will remain in effect for up to 90 days.
- The courts in SF, San Mateo, Contra Costa, Santa Clara and Alameda county continue to accept requests for TRO.

EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER (EPO):

- Granted by a judge at the request of a police officer who responds to a scene of domestic violence when a victim is in immediate danger and calls 9-1-1.
- EPO can be issued 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.
- EPO stays in effect for up to 30 days from the date of issuance.

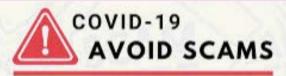


APILO attorneys can provide legal advice on **how** to file for these important protective orders and resources for safety planning. Please call our office at (415) 567-6255 and (510) 251-2846 for more information.

PROTECTING OUR ELDERS DURING COVID-19:

REPORTING ELDER ABUSE INCIDENTS AND AVOIDING SCAMS

As the organizer of the Asian Pacific Islander (API) Elder Abuse Task Force, **APILO is dedicated to supporting our seniors.** Seniors have been especially impacted by COVID-19 in the following ways.



TIPS FOR AVOIDING STIMULUS PAYMENT SCAMS

Elders are being targeted for stimulus payment scams. Be careful about disclosing personal information to anyone. Please contact the APILO office for any assistance relating to scams.

- There are no fees or charges
 associated with the stimulus check.
 The government will never ask you to pay anything up front to receive your stimulus payment.
- The government will NOT call you to ask for your Social Security number, bank account, or credit card number. Do NOT disclose this type of personal information.
- Report any scams to:
 - Local police department
 - Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov/complaint



NURSING HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND COVID-19

To reduce infection, many nursing homes and assisted living facilities are restricting visitation. Seniors are at risk both of contracting COVID-19 as well as facing the negative health effects of social isolation. Here is what you can do to support loved ones in these facilities:

- Virtually visit loved ones via calls, video, etc. Facilities should be making accommodations to support these efforts.
- Advocate through calls/emails for the facilities to provide robust communication and transparency with respect to COVID-19 cases.
- Contact your local ombudsman programs to facilitate communication with facilities:
 - San Francisco: (415) 751-9788
 - Alameda County: (510) 638-6878
 - Contra Costa County: (925) 685-2070
 - Visit the California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) website at www.canhrnews.com.



API LEGAL OUTREACH SERVICES FOR YOUTH DURING COVID-19:

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH, BY YOUTH



APILO's Youth Program has modified all of our programming to be responsive to the youth's unique needs of the current moment. We are taking followingsteps:

- Increasing outreach efforts
- Virtually checking in and meeting with YAC interns more frequently (3-4 times per week in breakout groups and as a large group)
- Remaining available to the public through our confidential text line (415-935-3313) and email (yp@apilegaloutreach.org)

Our Youth Advisory Council (YAC) interns created a "Bay Area Youth COVID-19 Resource List" that includes youth-centered and trauma-informed social services. The list includes resources for food, domestic violence, mental health, physical health, volunteering, virtual community spaces, and hobbies. The list is being promoted through social media graphics, email PSA's, schools, word of mouth, and on their YAC website/blog/instagram.

- Bay Area Youth COVID-19 Resource List: http://tinyurl.com/yacresources20
- Youth Advisory Council Instagram with Educational and Outreach Materials: https://www.instagram.com/apiloyac/



If you wish to speak with an attorney for legal advice, call our office at (415) 567-6255 or (510) 251-2846.

APILO Staff is ready to speak with you in Korean, Tagalog, Chinese, Spanish, Japanese, Vietnamese and English.