

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.



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.



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**



API LEGAL OUTREACH SERVICES FOR YOUTH DURING COVID-19:

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH, BY YOUTH



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**.

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 following steps:

- **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)**