Health of Immigrant Families: A Crisis Exacerbated by COVID-19


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The COVID-19 pandemic laid bare the many ways our country has failed our most marginalized communities, including cruel and unnecessary policy barriers that prevent immigrants from accessing affordable and timely health care. Barriers to federal health programs disproportionately harm Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, and other immigrants of color. In light of the recent Supreme Court draft opinion, we know that health disparities, including in reproductive health care, for immigrant communities will only be exacerbated.

We must act now!

We invite you to join a collaborative of over 500 Reproductive Justice (RJ), Health Equity, and Immigrant Rights advocates to fight for equitable health care access in immigrant communities. Speakers will share their experiences as immigrants excluded from the healthcare system and why Congress should pass legislation to address immigrant and racial health disparities.

Featured Speakers:

- Rachel Madley, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal
- Lupe M. Rodriguez, Executive Director, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice
- Adriana Cadena, Executive Director, Protecting Immigrant Families Coalition
- Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Director of Income and Work Supports, The Center for Law and Social Policy
- Julia Liou, Chief Executive Officer, Asian Health Services,
- Nilofar Zaman, Member, The National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum
- Diana Pliego, Policy Associate, National Immigration Law Center
- Miriam Gomez, Activist, Latina Institute Texas

Featured Legislation:

- H.R.3149/S.1660 - The Health Equity and Access under the Law (HEAL) for Immigrant Families Act
- H.R. 5227/Pending Senate Introduction - LIFT the BAR Act of 2021