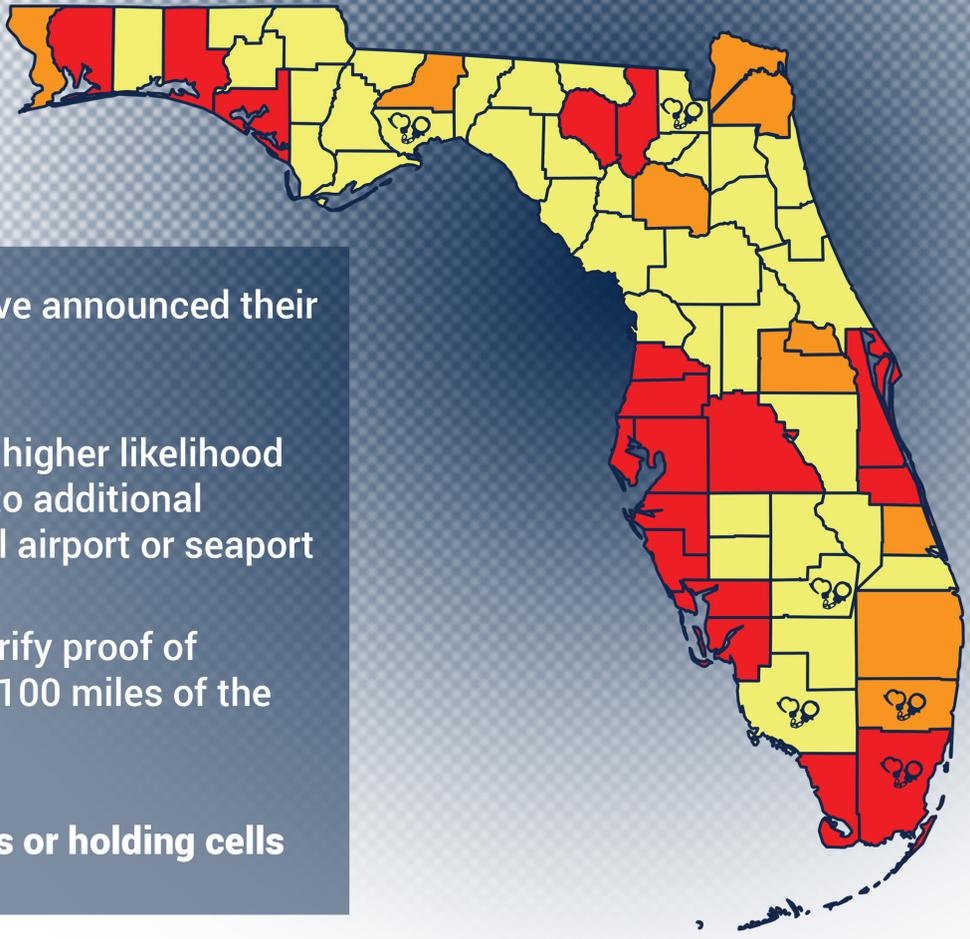


STATE OF FLORIDA EMERGENCY TRAVEL ADVISORY

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High Risk: Counties that have announced their collaboration with ICE

Moderate Risk: Places with higher likelihood of immigration arrests due to additional proximity to an international airport or seaport

At Risk: May be asked to verify proof of citizenship for being within 100 miles of the coast

 Immigrant detention centers or holding cells

State of Florida
February 14, 2018

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Travel to all areas of the State of Florida should be done with heightened caution as it can be uncomfortable and/or unsafe for people of color, individuals who speak with an accent or any form of speech impediment, and international travelers. Florida had the biggest increase in ICE arrests in the United States. All non-white civilians are likely to be treated with “reasonable suspicion” especially if found within the 100-mile vicinity of a coastline. **See below for Higher Risk Areas.**

Though 1 in 5 Floridians is an immigrant, and 1 in 8 has immigrant parents, routine daily activities of those who cannot immediately prove U.S. citizenship at all times may result in restricted mobility and loss of security. Family members or friends accompanying a foreign-born person may be subject to unconstitutional questioning about your involvement in housing, transporting, or providing any other form of aid to those who are not permanently carrying documentation to prove their birth within U.S. borders. Naturalized Cubans and U.S. citizens from Puerto Rico are not immune from racial profiling and heightened scrutiny.

Be advised that in Miami and the 17 high risk counties detailed below, law enforcement’s ability to provide routine and emergency response and protection to foreign-born individuals can be negatively impacted by the pressure on law enforcement agencies to exhaust their time and resources enforcing federal immigration law. Consult with a licensed attorney in advance of any travel to Florida so they can assess the level of danger you may encounter in being searched, questioned, and/or held in custody against your will. Brown, Black, Asian, and Native American people are most at risk.

Note the following High Risk Areas in Florida where your citizenship is likely to be questioned:

Counties with Sheriffs expanding their collaboration with Homeland Security:

Miami-Dade, Bay, Brevard, Charlotte, Columbia, Hernando, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Monroe, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Suwannee, and Walton

Areas surrounding Florida’s 66 Airports, including but not limited to major airports in:

Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Daytona, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Sarasota, Bradenton, Jacksonville, and Tallahassee

Areas surrounding Sea Ports, including but not limited to:

Miami, Cape Canaveral, Inverness, Fort Lauderdale, Fernandina Beach, Fort Pierce, Jacksonville, Key West, Palmetto, Riviera Beach, Panama City, Pensacola, St. Petersburg, Tampa

Greyhound bus transportation and 7-11 Gas Stations/Convenience stores.

IF you decide to travel to Florida, make a Safety Plan:

- Memorize the phone number for a licensed civil liberties and/or immigration attorney
- Discuss a plan with loved ones regarding care/custody of children, pets, property, belongings.
- Text UNIDOS to 313131 to stay connected and receive Text Message Alerts (Standard rates apply)
- **Call the Immigrant Hotline: 1-800- 600-5762 to report a home or work raid and learn more about your constitutional rights**

These FL partners are here for you while visiting Florida. You may find advice and hospitality at our institutions if officers question or harass you for not carrying a U.S. birth certificate and/or U.S. passport:

