

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

BHARATKUMAR G. THAKKER,  
et al.,

Petitioners-Plaintiffs,

vs.

CLAIR DOLL, in his official capacity as  
Warden of York County Prison, et al.,

Respondents-Defendants.

Case No. 1:20-cv-00480-JEJ

**Judge John E. Jones III**

**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER  
AND/OR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(a)-(b), Petitioners-Plaintiffs (“Plaintiffs”) hereby move this Court for a temporary restraining order and/or preliminary injunction that bars Defendants from continuing to detain Plaintiffs. In support of this motion, Plaintiffs state as follows:

1. As set forth in Plaintiffs’ Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, Defendants are detaining Plaintiffs in conditions that violate the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment Due Process Clauses.

2. As set forth in the Memorandum of Law in Support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and/or Preliminary Injunction (“MOL”), Plaintiffs have satisfied the four-part test for the issuance of a temporary restraining

order and/or preliminary injunction. As set forth in the MOL, Plaintiffs are likely to succeed on the merits of their constitutional claims and Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable harm unless the requested injunctive relief is granted. Also as set forth in the MOL, The government has no legally cognizable interest in detaining Plaintiffs in clear violation of their constitutional rights, and granting the requested injunctive relief will not result in any foreseeable, serious harm to the Defendants or the public. To the contrary, it is in the public interest for the government to respect constitutional due process rights and avoid the rampant spread of COVID-19 in detention facilities.

3. Through the undersigned counsel, Plaintiffs gave notice to Assistant U.S. Attorney, Joanne Sanderson, about the filing of this action and motion for a temporary restraining order and/or preliminary injunction. All documents filed with this Court, including those accompanying this motion, are being served on her electronically, within moments of filing.

4. Plaintiffs request that the Court immediately schedule a hearing and issue a temporary restraining order and/or preliminary injunction enjoining Defendants from continuing to detain Plaintiffs in violation of their constitutional rights.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully requests that this Court enter a temporary restraining order and/or preliminary injunction to enjoin Defendants from continuing to detain Plaintiffs in violation of their constitutional rights.

Dated: March 25, 2020

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing motion, together with accompanying Memorandum of Law and associated exhibits, on counsel of record via the Court's ECF filing system and via email courtesy copy to Assistant U.S. Attorney, Joanne Sanderson, at the office of the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

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**CERTIFICATE OF NON-CONCURRENCE**

In accordance with Local Rule 7.1, Petitioner's counsel sought concurrence from the U.S. Attorney's Office. The U.S. Attorney's Office does not concur in the relief sought in Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and/or Preliminary Injunction.

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING  
ORDER AND/OR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

COME NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, after consideration of Plaintiffs' Verified Petition for Habeas Corpus, Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and/or Preliminary Injunction, Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Law in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and/or Preliminary Injunction, and the Declarations and Exhibits submitted in support of Plaintiffs' Motion; and it appearing that Plaintiffs will suffer immediate and irreparable harm, injury, and damage from Defendants' conduct unless they are enjoined and restrained as requested in Plaintiffs' Motion, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:

1. The Court makes the following findings:

a. Defendants' continued detention in civil immigration custody of individuals at increased risk for severe illness, including all people over ages forty-five and older and persons of any age with underlying medical conditions that may increase the risk of serious COVID-19, violates the Due Process Clause;

b. There is a likelihood that Plaintiffs will succeed on the merits of their claims that the Defendants' actions violate Plaintiffs' constitutional rights.

c. Plaintiffs will suffer substantial and irreparable injury unless this Order is entered;

d. Greater injury will be inflicted upon Plaintiffs by the denial of the requested relief than will be inflicted upon Defendants by the granting of the requested relief;

e. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law; and

f. The public interest will be served by the Order.

2. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT Defendants, together with their representatives, agents, servants, and all others acting on their behalf or in concert with them, are hereby ENJOINED and RESTRAINED, until further Order of the Court, from continuing to detain Plaintiffs.

3. Plaintiffs, by their attorneys, agents, or other designees, may serve copies of this Order upon Defendants and upon any person acting in concert or participating with them in the activities referred to above.

BY THE COURT

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United States District Judge