

## RGV Sector Interim Guidance on Enhanced Amenities for Border Patrol Detainees

Effective August 22, 2019, RGV Sector is implementing additional amenities for Border Patrol detainees. This guidance applies to all RGV Sector stations. Agents are responsible for tracking amenities in the e3 Detention Module consistent with existing guidance.

The following instruction is to be implemented concurrently by all RGV Stations with applicable CBP National Standards on Transport, Escort, Search and Detention (TEDS.), to include, but not be limited to Sections: 4.2 At-Risk Detainee Determination Process; 4.3 General Detention Procedures; 4.5 Electronic System(s) of Record; 4.6 Hold Room Monitoring; 4.13 Food and Beverage, and; 4.14 Drinking Water. The instruction must be integrated into the execution of T.E.D.S. Sections: 5.0 (At- Risk Populations); 5.1 (General); 5.2 (UAC Screening) 5.3 (Documentation); 5.6 (Detention), and; 6.0 (Sexual Abuse Victimization).

### **For Adult Detainees:**

Upon arrival to a detention location, or as soon as is operationally feasible, adult detainees must:

- Undergo a medical screening
- Be screened for “at-risk” detainee determination
- Be separated by gender
- Be assigned to a detention location (cell) via intake process
- Be provided a snack (to include food and water)
- Be provided a Mylar blanket (repeat daily at breakfast)
- Be provided a sleeping mat (if operationally feasible)
- Be provided a toothbrush (repeat daily at breakfast)
- Be provided personal cleansing wipes (repeat daily at breakfast)

At 72 hours in detention, or soon as is operationally feasible after 72 hours, adult detainees must be provided with:

- An offer to make an outgoing telephone call.\* If a detainee requests to make an outgoing telephone call prior to the 72-hour mark, agents retain the discretion to accommodate such a request if operationally feasible.
- Access to shower/bathe\*
- A sleeping mat for at least 8 hours per day if the subject was not previously provided a sleeping mat at intake\*

*\*Actions will be repeated every 72 hours that the adult detainee remains in custody, as is operationally feasible.*

Continuing Services for Adult Detainees:

- Adult detainees must be provided with 3 regularly scheduled meals per day – with at least one hot meal per day.

- Adult detainees must be provided with snacks and drinks between regularly scheduled meals, and may be provided with additional snacks outside of normal food service times, based on the circumstances of the request.
- Adult detainees must have continuous access to clean drinking water.

**\*\*Pregnant adult female detainees are subject to juvenile detention standards. (Refer to TEDS Section 5.6)**

**For Juvenile Detainees:**

Upon arrival to a detention location, or as soon as is operationally feasible, juvenile detainees must:

- Undergo a medical screening
- Be screened for “at-risk” detainee determination and for unaccompanied alien child (UAC) status
- Be separated from unrelated adults or detained with related family members, as appropriate
- Be separated by gender, as appropriate
- Be assigned to a detention location (cell) via intake process
- Be provided a snack (to include food and water)
- Be provided a Mylar blanket (repeat daily at breakfast)
- Be provided a sleeping mat (if operationally feasible)
- Be provided a toothbrush (repeat daily at breakfast)
- Be provided personal cleansing wipes (repeat daily at breakfast)

At/after 48 hours in detention, or soon as is operationally feasible after 48 hours, juvenile detainees must be provided with:

- Access to shower/bathe\*

*\*Action will be repeated every 48 hours that the juvenile detainee remains in custody, as is operationally feasible*

At 72 hours in detention, or soon as is operationally feasible, juvenile detainees must be provided with:

- A sleeping mat for at least 8 hours per day if the subject was not previously provided a sleeping mat at intake\*
- An offer to make an outgoing telephone call.\* If a detainee requests to make an outgoing telephone call prior to the 72-hour mark, agents retain the discretion to accommodate such a request if operationally feasible.
- Transfer to the custody of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) if determined to be a UAC

*\*Actions will be repeated every 72 hours that the juvenile detainee remains in custody, as mandated by the I-770 and as is operationally feasible.*

Continuing Services for Juvenile Detainees:

- Juvenile detainees must be provided with a snack and drink upon arrival, and meals every 6 hours – with at least two hot meals per day.
- Juvenile detainees must be provided with regular access to snacks and drinks.
- Juvenile detainees must have continuous access to clean drinking water.
- When available, juvenile detainees will be provided with clean, dry clothing.

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### Amenities Quick Reference Chart

	<b>Children (UACs and Accompanied)</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<b>Upon arrival</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical/at-risk detainee screening</li> <li>• Screen for unaccompanied alien child (UAC status)</li> <li>• Separate from unrelated adults or detain with related family members as appropriate</li> <li>• Be separated by gender, as appropriate</li> <li>• Assign to cell via intake</li> <li>• Mylar Blanket (repeat daily at breakfast)</li> <li>• Sleeping mat (if operationally feasible)</li> <li>• Toothbrush (repeat daily at breakfast)</li> <li>• Personal cleansing wipes (repeat daily at breakfast)</li> <li>• Snack and drink</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical/at-risk detainee Screening</li> <li>• Separate males/females</li> <li>• Assign to cell via intake</li> <li>• Mylar Blanket (repeat daily at breakfast)</li> <li>• Sleeping mat (if operationally feasible)</li> <li>• Toothbrush (repeat daily at breakfast)</li> <li>• Personal cleansing wipes (repeat daily at breakfast)</li> <li>• Snack and drink</li> </ul>
<b>At 48 hours</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shower (repeat every 48 hours in custody)</li> </ul>	
<b>At 72 hours</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer outgoing phone call (repeat every 72 hours in custody) and as mandated by the I-770</li> <li>• <i>If a sleeping mat cannot be provided at intake due to operational/space limitations, a mat must be provided for at least 8 hours per day once a subject is in custody for 72 hours.</i></li> <li>• Transfer to the custody of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) as soon as is operationally feasible if determined to be UAC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shower (repeat every 72 hours in custody)</li> <li>• Offer outgoing phone call (repeat every 72 hours in custody)</li> <li>• <i>If a sleeping mat cannot be provided at intake due to operational/space limitations, a mat must be provided for at least 8 hours per day once a subject is in custody for 72 hours.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Ongoing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meals every six hours (two meals per day must be hot)</li> <li>• Clean, dry clothing, when available</li> <li>• Continuous access to clean drinking water</li> <li>• Regular access to snacks and drinks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three meals per day (one meal per day must be hot)</li> <li>• Continuous access to clean drinking water</li> <li>• Regular access to snacks and drinks</li> </ul> <p>Note: Pregnant females receive the same standard as children for meals and snacks</p>