Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

ICE AURORA CONTRACT DETENTION FACILITY ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The Trump Administration informed Congressman Crow's office in February 2025 that it would no longer respond to regular oversight electronic information requests. These requests have been used by Congressman Crow's office under the first Trump Administration and the Biden Administration to complete and corroborate the information provided in these reports, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, as of September 2025, ICE staff will no longer verbally provide information requested by congressional staff during oversight visits for the completion of these regular accountability reports. Congressional staff were instead directed to submit requests for information for the completion of these reports to the ICE Office of Congressional Relations (OCR).

Congressman Crow's staff submitted an electronic information request on October 21, 2026. OCR has not sent over the information requested at this time.

Despite shifting ICE OCR policies, it is a priority for Congressman Crow to provide proper congressional oversight of the Aurora Contract Detention Facility. Congressman Crow and his Congressional office will continue making good-faith efforts to visit the facility and obtain electronic records updates from ICE.

Date: 20 (DAY) October (MONTH) 2026 (YEAR)

Requested by: Melissa Lewis (NAME) Constituent Advocate (POSITION)

Transmitted by: Melissa Lewis (NAME) Constituent Advocate (POSITION)

Were electronic files sent?

Yes ☐ No ☑

FORMAL COUNTS: 2.8 V. A.

How many people were most recently formally counted in this facility?

ICE would not confirm the exact number during the tour and referred staff to request information through the ICE Office of Congressional Relations

How many people formally counted in this facility identify as the following gender?

Female: Requested information, not available

Male: Requested information, not available

Transgender individuals housed: ICE officals stated there were no transgender detainees at the facility

How many people were brought into the facility this week? Requested information, not available

How many people have left the facility this week? Requested information, not available

How many people and where did those who left the facility go? Requested information, not available

Released into community: Requested information, not available

Formally removed from the United States: Requested information, not available

Moved to another facility: Requested information, not available

Other _____: Not available

How many people are currently being housed in the Annex? Requested information, not available

How many people were in the restricted housing unit? Requested information, not available

How many people used the law library? Requested information, not available

NATIONALITIES

Information was requested during the visit, but Congressional staff were directed to reach out to ICE OCR for the information.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

How many people are currently being cohorted/quarantined due to sickness?

Number of people currently cohorted/quarantined due to sickness: Requested information but staff would not confirm, staff visually counted seven detainees in the medical section for monitoring

How many individuals are under COVID-19 monitoring?: 0

What is the medical condition for quarantine: Not provided

CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES:

Individuals Housed in GEO Facility:

ICE Detainees: Requested information, not available

ICE Employees: Requested information, not available

GEO Employees: Requested information, not available

MEDICAL STAFFING:

GEO medical staff said they are fully staffed in the medical section. However, the Congressman's staff were told they would need to reach out to the ICE Office of Congressional Relations to confirm exact staffing data.

1 Health Service Administrator
1 Medical Doctor
1 Assistant Health Service Administrator
2 Physicians Assistants (PA's)
2 Dentists
1 Dental Assistant
4 Medical Records Clerks
18 RNs/LPNs
1 Psychologist
3 LCSW/MHP
1 X-Ray Tech.
1 Tele-Psychiatrist

Staffing information is current as of 12/9/2025

(*) denotes a change in staffing level.

*All reports concerning infectious disease are confirmed with the Tri-County Health Department and/or the Aurora Fire Department

MEDICAL NOTES:

- GEO health staff would not answer if there were communicable diseases at the facility and referred Congressional staff to reach out to the ICE Office of Congressional Relations for more information.
- Congressional staff noted that there were three detainees in the medical section being monitored, but ICE and GEO would not elaborate on why the detainees were being monitored.
- ICE and GEO confirmed that they still have not followed the Public Health Order issued nor have they allowed any health department into the facility since June.
- ICE and GEO noted that there are inspections that are due from the State but due to the pending litigation, they will continue to be denied entry into the facility. ICE and GEO said that internal inspections of the facility continue.
- ICE confirmed that detainees have access to vaccines including the flu and COVID-19 vaccines.
- Medical staff were not present to answer questions during the visit.
- On September 23, 2026 Congressional staff submitted an inquiry to learn more about a possible Tuberculosis case in the facility. On October 16, 2026, ICE OCR responded confirming that 78 detainees in the A4 pod were quarantined for three days ending on September 13, 2026. ICE OCR confirmed that as of October 13, 2026, there were no detainees in quarantine. ICE OCR also confirmed that, “no detainee housed at Denver Contract Detention Facility has tested positive for active tuberculosis since July 15, 2026.“

Ambulance call data has been requested and this report will be updated once received.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES:

- The contents of this report were derived from an in-person Congressional oversight visit conducted by the staff members of Congressman Crow, Senator Bennet, and Senator Hickenlooper. The visit was conducted at 2pm on October 20th, 2026. Staff members provided 48 hours' notice when sending a request to visit.

Restricted Housing and Law Library

- There were 14 detainees that staff counted being housed in the Restricted Housing Unit (RHU). Congressional staff confirmed that transgender detainees were given the option to be housed in this section. Congressional staff also noted that the two transgender detainees that had previously been housed in the transgender housing pod were now housed in the RHU.
- The law library was not in use during the visit, but ICE and GEO staff informed Congressional staff that detainees continued to have access to the law library.
- Congressional staff confirmed that the Privacy Waivers used to initiate Congressional casework continue to be accessible in eight different languages in the law library.
- Pro bono legal resources provided to detainees had been updated to the October 2026 version that corresponds to the information posted on the DOJ website.

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES:

Kitchen and Intake

- Staff entered the kitchen and viewed the refrigerator. A GEO staff member showed staff example meals from the past 72 hours, including diet meals. The refrigerator was sparsley stocked and a GEO staff member confirmed that they were waiting for a food shipment that would be coming in on 10/21.
- Staff toured the kitchen while detainees were cleaning up after providing lunch and beginning dinner preparation.
- There was one detainee being processed to be released into the community in intake.
- There were four other detainees being processed in intake.

Housing Pods

- Staff entered housing pod B in the main facility and went inside housing pod B4.
  - While staff toured the B4 pod, they saw that the wall thermometer showed 68 degrees Fahrenheit.
- While touring different pods, staff witnessed detainees using the phones. Staff also checked each phone in pods visited to make sure they were operating.
- Pods D and E in the main area of the facility were empty. All pods in the main facility house males.
- Staff noted that on the informational boards in each dorm, the voluntary departure sheet had been updated. The agency is now offering $3,000 to those who elect to depart voluntarily. The form was translated in five languages.

Annex

- Congressional staff confirmed that housing pod G has been repurposed to house low risk male detainees. ICE and GEO staff confirmed that there is no longer a pod designated for the transgender population at the facility.
- Two female dorms and two male dorms were not in use during the visit.

Miscellaneous information

- The front entrance continues to be partially closed by gates and there is a GEO guard positioned in the front monitoring those who go in and out of the facility.
- ICE and GEO staff confirmed that the field continued to be used by detainees. They confirmed that they will most likely close the field for the season at the end of the month pending weather conditions.
- During this visit, ICE and GEO staff were unable to provide fulsome answers to some of the questions contained within this report. Congressman Crow's staff submitted a written request for information on October 21, 2026.