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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Extended University Executive Committee

Management Forum Student Affairs

FROM: Office of General Counsel

RE: ICE Sweeps

DATE: September 10, 2019

Last year, Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order which restricts access to state facilities for the purpose of federal immigration enforcement. This action was aligned with the State's policy that all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status, have equal access to state services and that no state resources be used for the enforcement of federal immigration law.

From time to time, federal immigration authorities, sometimes commonly referred to as "ICE agents," may attempt to enter a state facility for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law.

This is a reminder that, if an individual tries to gain access to any SUNY Upstate-operated facility in his/her role as a federal immigration authority or an "ICE agent", supervisors and front-line staff should:

- request that the individual provide a picture identification clearly identifying the person as an employee of the federal Department of Homeland Security; and
- after confirming the individual's identity, request that they wait in a designated area and contact the Office of General Counsel or University Police.

Please inform all front-line staff of this procedure.

