



## **Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas (KBHCCD) FAQs**

### **What is currently occurring with unaccompanied minors in the KBHCCD?**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has entered into a user agreement with the KBHCCD to use approximately 240,000 square feet of space to provide short-term transitional care to approximately 2300 male migrant youth, ages 13 to 17, for a period of 75 days. To ensure the safety of all guests at the KBHCCD, along with the children and staff at the intake center, all unaccompanied minors within the intake center have been tested for COVID-19 and its variants prior to their arrival in Dallas. No COVID positive children are accepted at the KBHCCD site and other non-City facilities have been established for any positive-testing children.

As a Federal humanitarian relief effort, the project provides decompression for unaccompanied minors arriving at the border and provides an opportunity for these children to be placed with their families or another caregiver. Currently, no child will be at the center longer than 5 to 7 days as they are processed and placed in a more stable home environment.

### **Why was this location chosen?**

The convention center is ideally equipped to handle efforts such as these as they have many of the necessary items and services for these situations like open space, food and beverages, restrooms, electrical services, internet, phone services, and tables and chairs for large numbers of people and is built to receive large amounts of supporting equipment in a very short period-of-time. Dallas prides itself on being a welcoming, caring city and this use of the facility is consistent with those values.

### **Who has access and provides security?**

The short-term intake center is fully self-contained and privately managed by DHHS and its contractors. A large support staff is onsite to ensure that the children's needs are fully met and that they remain safely within the rented area of the KBHCCD until they are placed in a more stable home environment. Security is being provided by the DHHS and their partner agencies, in and around the rented portion of the KBHCCD used for this initiative. Spectra Venue Management (Spectra) and the City's Convention and Event Services (CES) Department continue to provide security throughout the remainder of the KBHCCD using a team that includes Spectra's Director of Security and staff, Allied Universal Security, and City of Dallas security officers. Security at all access points into/out of the intake center and throughout the remainder of the KBHCCD has been greatly increased to ensure the safety and security of all guests within the building, and to protect the privacy of the minors who are separate from other guests.

### **How are other KBHCCD guests and event attendees being kept safe?**

The Intake Center is a fully self-contained operation with living quarters, food and beverage service, recreation areas and all of the necessities to support the children during their stay. There is ample supervision and security in place to ensure that the children are safe and that they remain within the 240,000 square feet allocated for the intake center during their short stay. A jointly respectful, but sturdy and secure physical barrier has been erected between the intake center and the other spaces inside the KBHCCD to ensure the safety and security of all involved.