

Affidavit of Edward Reed

My name is Edward Reed. I was detainee in the Cook County Jail until I was released on March 25, 2020.

1. Until recently, I resided in Division 10, Tier 1D of the Cook County Jail. We got time outside our cell in the mornings and evenings.
2. I shared a cell until the time I left. The cell was very tight and it was impossible to get away from my cellmate. Social distancing was only possible in the common area. I shared a toilet and sink in the cell, although my sink was broken for about 40 days starting in January. I slept on the lower bunk.
3. About 5 to 7 men shared the showers. The showers were covered with mold and infested with mice and cockroaches.
4. For meals, people either took food to their cells or shared tables in the common area.
5. The officers were not giving out soap at the time I left. Typically, we received one bar of soap every two weeks. If we wanted more soap, we had to purchase it from commissary. We did not receive additional hygiene or cleaning supplies in response to COVID-19.
6. At the time of my release, procedures had not changed in response to COVID-19. We did not receive masks, gloves, or other personal protective equipment (PPE). The only staff I saw wearing gloves or masks were the nurses. Some detainees tried to make masks but the officers confiscated them.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

April 3, 2020
Chicago, Illinois

s//Edward Reed
Edward Reed