

Affidavit of Erica Petty

My name is Erica Petty. I was detainee in the Cook County Jail until I was released on March 26, 2020.

1. Until recently, I resided in Division 5, Tier 2L of the Cook County Jail. There were around 40 people incarcerated on my deck.
2. I shared a cell with one other woman. I slept on the lower bunk. It was impossible to socially distance.
3. We shared a toilet in the cell. There were 3 shared toilets in the day room. There were 5 or 6 shared showers. There was one sink in the day room, and one in the bathroom.
4. The dining area was always crowded. There were 3 tables. There was not enough room for everyone so we had to cram around the table to eat.
5. We were not given hand sanitizer. We were given a small bar of soap once a week, or every other week. If we wanted enough soap for our needs, we had to purchase it.
6. Procedures had not changed in response to COVID-19 at the time I was released. We did not receive additional hygiene or cleaning supplies. We did not receive gloves, masks, or other personal protective equipment (PPE). Some officers and nurses had gloves or masks, but not all of them.

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

April 3, 2020
Chicago, Illinois

s/ Erica Petty
Erica Petty