

Affidavit of Raymond Sanchez

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

1. Until recently, I resided in Division 9, Tier 3H of the Cook County Jail. There were around 40 people incarcerated there.
2. There were 2 people housed in each cell. I slept on the lower bunk. My cell was about 4 feet by 6 feet. There was no room to move around. It was impossible to socially distance.
3. We were in the dayroom from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM and from 3:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The dayroom was not large enough for social distancing.
4. I shared a toilet in my cell. There were 3 shared toilets in the dayroom. There were 4 sinks shared by the approximately 40 people.
5. Breakfast was delivered to our cells and served through the chuckhole. Lunch and dinner meal trays were all placed on one table and detainees would retrieve them the table. We sat at tables of 6 people to eat lunch and dinner. There was no room to socially distance from others while we ate.
6. We received one small bar of soap weekly. It would only last about 3 uses. If we wanted more soap, we had to purchase it from commissary. We could only buy one bar at a time at commissary, and could only go to commissary two times per month.
7. We did not receive additional hygiene or sanitary supplies in response to COVID-19. We did not receive gloves, masks, or other personal protective equipment (PPE). Twice in my last two weeks, an officer brought us Fabuloso cleaner to wash our toilet and sink.
8. Some jail staff wore gloves and some wore masks, but most were not wearing either.
9. Programming, including church services, were cut off for about two weeks before I left.
10. I have not heard or seen anyone get tested for COVID-19. I was not tested. About 4 or 5 days before I left, a man with a fever was taken to Cermak. The officers removed his belongings from his cell. A few days later, they removed his cellmate and his cellmate's belongings from his cell. The officers sprayed his room and the chairs and tables in the common area with Lysol.

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

April 3, 2020
Chicago, Illinois

s/Raymond Sanchez
Raymond Sanchez