We do not have cell phone footage of abuses inside prisons and jails. I am reading the following sworn testimony from a person held in the Prince George’s County Jail to lift this veil of secrecy and hold our justice system accountable. This testimony was taken in April 2020.

Detainees in the unit are provided one mask for personal use.

Detainees have not been provided any personal protective equipment besides the one mask we received two nights ago.

We have been provided little sanitation equipment – watered down disinfectants, and some liquid soap.

I have heard many people coughing on the unit and in the last two weeks have observed more people going to the medical unit than was typical prior to that.

I have a cellmate. My bunk is directly below my cellmate’s bunk and when we are both on our beds we are within six feet of each other.

We are not having our temperatures checked or being tested for Covid-19.

People who are on the phone are still within one or two feet of each other.

The phones are not cleaned between uses.

No steps are taken to wipe down shared surfaces.