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.

I have acute asthma and allergies. I’ve recently experienced shortness of breath, some headaches, and light nausea. In the last 10 days at least six individuals have been removed from my housing unit because they were experiencing symptoms of the coronavirus, including my bunkmate.

Phone use (the only way to contact the outside world, including my attorney) occurs with no social distancing. In my unit the phones are approximately a foot to a foot and a half apart from each other. It is regularly the case that each phone is in use at the same time. The phones are occasionally washed between uses.

Medical staff are not changing their gloves in between taking detainees temperature. Yesterday, I requested a nurse to change their gloves before taking my temperature, the nurse declined my request.

Detainees have not been provided any sanitizing products. There is no hand sanitizer available for detainees. The only exception is that detainees with access to funds can buy soap from the Commissary for approximately $4 per body wash and $2 for bar soap. The soap is delivered once a week.