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April 23, 2020

Dear President Toni Preckwinkle

The Chicago Westside Branch of the NAACP has been closely following the progression of COVID-19 via website, IDPH, Court filing, Judicial ruling, the media, and through the sorrows of our people. Of the m heard a few have risen to the top. We write to you today as advocates for the families of those incarcer Detention Center. As you are representatives of your community, so are we, therefore we ask that you j following concerns:

As of 5 p.m. on 04/20/2020:

- 215 detainees in custody at Cook County Jail are currently positive for COVID-19.
- o Are these 215 detainees being housed separately from the non-positive population?
- 183 detainees in custody are no longer positive and are being monitored at a recovery facility at th
- o Will these detainees be kept in separate quarters to insure they do not eventually test positive aga
- 105 detainees have tested negative for COVID-19.
- 6 detainees have died OF COVID-19.

The Chicago Westside Branch is requesting regular updates on the orders issued to Cook County Sherif Kennely, to ensure its speedy implementation and execution. Additionally, although Justice Kennelly c requesting those items that are reasonable be implemented. Detainees should not have to depend on j save lives. Thus Group A is Court Ordered and Group B is an additional list of remedies:

Group A- Court Ordered

- 1. The Court directs the Sheriff to establish by April 11, 2020, and to implement immediately thereaft testing of detainees who exhibit symptoms consistent with coronavirus disease as well as, at medically based on the acquisition of sufficient testing materials, detainees who have been exposed to others wh tested positive for coronavirus
- 2. Sheriff enforce, effective on April 11, 2020, social distancing during the new detainee intake proces hold new detainees awaiting intake.
- 3. Court directs the Sheriff to begin, by April 10, 2020, to provide soap and/or hand sanitizer to all de to frequently clean their hands. The Court also orders the Sheriff to begin, by April 10, 2020, providing and detainees to regularly sanitize surfaces and objects on which the virus could be present, including than one person (such as two person cells, as well as bathrooms and showers).
- 4. The Court further directs the Sheriff to establish, by April 11, 2020, a policy requiring sanitization b and objects as well as monitoring and supervision to ensure that such sanitization takes place regularly
- 5. The Court orders the Sheriff, effective April 12, 2020, to provide facemasks to all detainees who are exposed to a detainee who is symptomatic (even if not coronavirus-positive).

Group B - CWB NAACP Recommendations

- 1. The Sheriff, effective immediately, to provide facemasks to all detainees' studies show individuals given this all detainees show be provided a facemask.
- 2. The Cook County Sheriff has contracted with a health provider, we are calling for all inmates to be population, given an individual can be COVID-19 positive but asymptomatic.
- 3. Consideration be given to releasing all non-violent accused to their home on house arrest with more

Sincerely, Karl A. Brinson President

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