

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
No. SJC-12926

**COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES AND MASSACHUSETTS  
ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS**

v.

**CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE TRIAL COURT and others.**

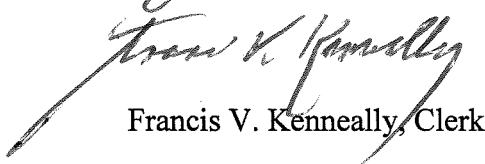
ORDER

It is ORDERED that no later than noon on April 2, the Department of Correction and the Sheriffs are directed to submit to the court a post-argument letter answering the following questions, based on informed estimates:

1. Approximately what percentage of inmates or detainees sleep within six feet of another inmate or detainee? Individuals in disciplinary isolation should be excluded from this estimate.
2. Approximately what percentage of inmates or detainees eat meals within six feet of another inmate or detainee?
3. Approximately what percentage of inmates or detainees are permitted to be within six feet of each other during recreation periods?

With respect to the Sheriffs, the answers should be provided for each county.

By the Court,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis V. Kenneally", is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Francis V. Kenneally, Clerk

Entered: April 1, 2020