

United States District Court
Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ASHOK BABU, and others,
Plaintiffs,
v.
GREGORY J. AHERN, and others,
Defendants.

Case No. 18-cr-07677-NC

**SUMMARY ORDER FOLLOWING
APRIL 17 STATUS HEARING RE:
SANTA RITA JAIL COVID-19
RESPONSE**

April 17, 2020, 9:00 a.m., telephonic

The Court held a telephonic status hearing on April 17 concerning the Santa Rita Jail COVID-19 response. The Court also considered information reported in the April 16 joint status report at ECF 103.

As of April 16, 2020, Santa Rita Jail houses 1,796 inmates. 27 inmates and two staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. 13 of those 27 inmates have completely recovered. 14 housing pods are under quarantine. *See* https://www.alamedacountysheriff.org/admin_covid19.php.

To follow up on the hearing, the parties agreed to confer further about:

1. Testing criteria and availability;
2. Plaintiffs’ counsel’s concern about an inmate who visited Alameda County court and later tested positive for COVID-19;
3. Plaintiffs’ ongoing request that the Sheriff release inmates under California Gov. Code § 8658; and

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1 4. Plaintiffs’ counsel’s encouragement for further reduction in the jail population,
2 in particular, in the number of federal detainees.

3 Additionally, the defendants have agreed to designate a liaison to criminal defense
4 attorneys with clients at SRJ who need information about their clients’ medical status.
5 Defendants are hereby ORDERED to file the name and contact information for that liaison
6 by April 20, 2020, and to also make that information available on their public COVID-19
7 response website by that date.

8 Finally, the parties are hereby ORDERED to confer with the Alameda County
9 Public Health Department in preparing their next status update to the Court. They should
10 address ACPH’s role in the Jail’s COVID-19 response supervision, including whether
11 there is a specific point-of-contact addressing the Jail at ACPH. If so, that person is
12 invited to collaborate in our future proceedings.

13 A further status hearing is set for April 24, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. and will be by
14 telephone only. A transcript will be created. All participants, including the public, may
15 join by calling 888.684.8852, and entering access code 1557087. A joint update is due
16 April 23.

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18 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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20 Dated: April 17, 2020



NATHANAEL M. COUSINS
United States Magistrate Judge

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