

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 1/7/2021 @ 0900

Attendees

- **Local Family Council Members**
- **DOC Staff:**

Paige Perkinson, Engagement and Outreach	Jeff Uttecht, Superintendent
Kate Jansen, Administrative Assistant	Ken Jennings, Health Services Manager
Michelle Duncan, Associate Superintendent	Bill Copeland, Family Services
- **OMBUDS**
Caitlyn Robertson, OCO
- Please note:
 - Questions for upcoming meetings are to be emailed to Kate Jansen at catherine.jansen@doc1.wa.gov no later than 8:00 am Wednesday. It is important that we received questions in advance to provide us time to research the answer. Not receiving questions may create a delay in a response.
 - All questions received afterwards will be held over to the next week or if time allows asked during the end of the conference call.
 - All questions sent to our staff before the informational sharing phone call during the week, will be answered on the Friday phone calls or forwarded onto DOCCOVID19@DOC.WA.GOV for appropriate response.
- Additional guidelines:
 - Meeting time will be one (1) hour.
 - We will answer all the questions first and open up for questions/comments afterwards.
 - If any questions are left unanswered at the end of the meeting, we will add them to the next meeting.
 - Please ensure your phones are on mute.
 - Please provide your name before asking a question or responding.
- **Please do not share COVID-19 informational call phone-In Information with others, especially via social media.**
- If you, or you know someone that has a loved one at CRCC and would like to be added to the LFC list to receive call in information, meeting minutes and other correspondence the facility may send out please send an email to catherine.jansen@doc1.wa.gov or miduncan@doc1.wa.gov.

Weekly Update

Testing

Staff – 149

Incarcerated Individuals: 353

CRCC – MSC: 235

CRCC – MSU: 118

In hospital: 0

Isolation: 2

Quarantine: 39

We are no longer considered in outbreak status.

MSU Unit Operations:

The alternative housing that was located in the GYM at MSU has been emptied and all individuals are back in their living units. The Gym is still set up as alternative housing as a continued precaution. All of our MSU campus is now off of quarantine status. The units are still in cohorts according to tiers. Meals are being served in the dining room, with the exception of grab and go lunch.

MSC Unit Operations

The living units at our MSC continue as previous. No other changes have been made to the operations at the main facility.

Safe Start

WA DOC remains in Phase 1 of the Safe Start Initiative.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations have been received and are starting to be administered at Coyote Ridge. At the moment, only departmental staff working in Sage East Unit, individuals within Sage East, and medical personnel who work caring for COVID 19 patients have been offered the vaccination. The department must prioritize the doses as they are limited. As more doses of the vaccine become available, the Department will offer the vaccine to other individuals and staff as set forth in the Phased Prioritization Plan.

Recently a Frequently Asked Questions regarding Washington DOC COVID 19 Vaccinations was distributed to the population at CRCC. This memo was read during our last COVID Informational Call. If you have any questions regarding vaccinations, please visit the DOC website.

Questions

Question 1

How are we going to keep moving forward to make sure that we don't have an outbreak? For instance, officers that are still not wearing masks, social distancing, etc.

Answer

We consistently address behavior when they are brought to us. We will continue to do so. We have been very successful in controlling this at this point, and we will continue to follow the protocols that are set forth.

Question 2

How many times is an officer addressed about not following protocols before they are disciplined?

Answer

We continue to remind staff constantly regarding protocols. We will hold people accountable as we see appropriate; both staff and individuals.

Question 3

Those that were brought in from Shelton, were they positive?

Answer

No. All those individuals tested positive twice, they are being housed in a separate area upon arrival, and they are tested twice more once they arrive at the facility. When they receive two negative results they are then released out into general population. We are also receiving individuals that are recovered, which are not being housed separately.

Question 4

What are we doing about the food situation due to the staff shortage? We have heard quite a few complaints in regards to the food, both the quality and quantity.

Answer

We have had some issues; such as some lunch meat that was frozen. We are working to transition into three hot meals a day, instead of the grab and go lunch. When we have a meal that isn't good, we try to correct that as quickly as possible. This facility was not built to serve meals in the units, and it is a struggle to combat that.

Question 5

What would you suggest the guys do to correct that?

Answer

They can reach out to the unit staff. If it is an issue that needs to be addressed by management, the unit staff will forward that on. They can also send a kite, and/or file a grievance.

Question 6

I heard that you are having staff coming back after having been exposed?

Answer

Yes. That information should be in the previous notes. Please see the CRCC Family Council page on the website. They are located in the COVID-19 Informational Call Notes.

Since we are no longer in outbreak status, these calls will be moved back to bi-weekly. You may see a new meeting invite.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday January 21, 2020 @0900.