

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 2/4/2021 @ 0900

Attendees

- **Local Family Council Members**

- **DOC Staff:**

Kate Jansen, Administrative Assistant

Michelle Duncan, Associate Superintendent

Jeff Uttecht, Superintendent

Ken Jennings, Health Services Manager

Bill Copeland, Family Services

Paige Perkinson, Engagement and Outreach

- **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 – 166

Incarcerated Individuals: 396

CRCC – MSC: 278 (43 in the last 30 days)

CRCC – MSU: 118

In hospital: 0

Isolation: 3

Quarantine: 201

MSU Unit Operations:

The MSU living units continue to run with normal operations with the identified cohorts and schedule.

MSC Unit Operations

The MSC living units continue to operate with the identified cohorts and schedule. All three meals are currently grab-and-go hot meals. E Unit B Pod continues to be on quarantine status, along with I Unit A Pod.

UPDATE: I Unit A Pod has been released from quarantine status.

Safe Start

WA DOC remains in Phase 1 of the Safe Start Initiative. No information has been shared regarding in-person visitation resuming.

Vaccinations

As of January 24, the state moved to Phase 1B Tier in regards to vaccinations, which includes people 65 years and older. The Department has begun providing doses to eligible staff, and starting February 1st, began vaccinating members of the incarcerated population that are over the age of 65. The Department expects this vaccination phase to take several weeks, based on the current limited availability of vaccine doses. For more information regarding vaccinations within the Department, please visit <https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/default.htm>. We will continue to keep you updated regarding the Department's plan for COVID vaccinations.

Questions

Question 1

Only vaccines have been approved for those that are 65 and older, but you haven't received those doses yet?

Answer

We have received doses, and some of our staff as well as our population have been vaccinated. As more doses become available, we will vaccinate according to a phased system. We are prioritizing doses based on those most at risk, and expand vaccinations to eventually include all staff and incarcerated individuals.

Question 2

How is testing going? We haven't spoken much about that.

Answer

We are still serial testing all staff, as well as a screening process. As for the incarcerated, we test individuals who are symptomatic. If we are in outbreak status, we test according to COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection

Control Guidelines which can be found at [WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline](#).

Question 3

Is the vaccine being received well, or are they denying them?

Answer

I don't really have an answer for that. Just like the community, there are some that are excited about getting the vaccine and there are some that do not want it. We continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

Question 4

In what Phase do we open in-person visitation?

Answer:

In Phase 3, we will resume in person visitation within parameters. Please refer to the DOC Safe Start located at <https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/safe-start.htm>.

Question 5

Are you still receiving those from other institutions that may be having a larger outbreak of infection?

Answer:

Yes, we are still receiving transfers. They have been significantly decreased. Those individuals are placed into transfer separation for a minimum of 14 days before they are placed into general population.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday February 11, 2020 @0900.