

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 04/22/2021 @ 0900

Attendees

- **Local Family Council Members**
- **DOC Staff:**
 - Kate Jansen, Administrative Assistant
 - Ken Jennings, Health Services Manager
 - Michelle Duncan, Associate Superintendent
- **OMBUDS**
 - Domineca Campbell, 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 – 181

Incarcerated Individuals: 402 (4 in the last 30 days)

CRCC – MSC: 284

CRCC – MSU: 118

In hospital: 0

Isolation: 1

Quarantine: 33

Transfer Separation: 10

Total Vaccinations given at CRCC (Staff and Individuals): 1,687

If you would like to know all the updated numbers of those vaccinated, please visit

<https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data-vaccines.htm>.

MSU Unit Operations:

The MSU living units continue to run with normal operations with the identified cohorts and schedule. Religious activities are taking place at MSU and have been running for some time. Currently, religious activities are restricted to 12 individuals at a time due to social distancing requirements. The weight decks have recently opened as well as barbershops.

MSC Unit Operations

The MSC living units continue to operate with the identified cohorts and schedule. Beginning Monday, 4/5/2021, K Building (MSC) will be opened for limited religious programming per cohort Monday through Friday. A schedule has been created along with callouts for cohorts to attend religious programming. The weight decks have recently opened as well as barbershops.

Safe Start

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

Questions

Question

Now that everyone over the age of sixteen in the US is eligible for the COVID vaccine, what is the schedule for inmates at CRCC?

Answer:

This week we are going unit by unit offering the vaccine to every individual on the Medium side. Next week, we should be able to complete the MI3 side. Currently, we have over 700 individuals that have received both doses and close to 1000 individuals that have received at least one dose. We are getting those vaccinated as quickly as we can. This is a high priority for us.

Question

Do you know when Visitation is going to open?

Answer:

We have not received an exact date. We do have some training scheduled. Statewide Rep: I can tell you that you will have three options when scheduling your visit. I know that the Department was looking at opening Visitation in May, but they didn't want to release an official date.

Question

So, they decided when we get to visit?

Answer:

No, you will have three options to pick which date and time.

Question

Do we know how many visit stations there are?

Answer:

At the MSC facility, there are 24 stations, one of which is a single visitor station. At MSU, there is 14 stations, four of which are single visitation station.

Question

Is this only for one visitor?

Answer:

No, you can have up to two visitors. No one under the age of sixteen.

Question

Are they going to be extending the video visit timeframes?

Answer:

I haven't heard anything about that. However, I can reach out to them about that.

Question

Can we schedule the video visits back to back?

Answer:

I know that we asked the families not to do that, because we were in outbreak status. Once a visit is scheduled, that slot cannot be reused.

Question

Are you going to continue to offer the free visits even with visitation opening?

Answer:

We have not received any information that this will be stopped.

Question

Is this meeting every other week or every week?

Answer:

This meeting is every other week. If we end up in outbreak status, this meeting will be changed to weekly so that families have updates on the outbreak.

Question

I don't agree with the notes from last week regarding the food. The population hasn't been able to be active, and some of these activities haven't been available to everyone.

Answer:

As discussed previously, the menu is set at a Statewide level. I would suggest that this be brought to the Statewide meeting, as it does affect every facility.

Additional information. This topic was discussed with our Food Service Manager who stated that menus are from state-wide Correctional Industries (CI) and all **CI DOC dining** halls are supposed to be the same. There are times that menus may vary due to availability of certain items due to COVID. CI AHCC Food Factory is getting back on track and is open and we are moving back to all CI foods and menu. CRCC cannot, at the local level, change the menu with the exceptions of occasional substitution if items are not available.

Below is an attachment to a recent article regarding healthier food options to incarcerated individuals.

<https://www.doc.wa.gov/news/2021/04212021.htm>. A copy of the menu and nutritional values have been added to this email.

Question

Would we be able to have someone participate in the Family Council Meeting that might be able to give us more information on the food?

Answer

I will look at adding an agenda to our local family council calls to have a member of the Food Service Department available to discuss the menu and nutritional value of the food.

Question

Is it possible to see the menus?

Answer:

Yes, I will work on finding one and attaching it to the notes.

Question

Which vaccine are you using?

Answer:

We are using the Moderna. We are not using the Johnson and Johnson vaccine currently.

Question

How are the comfort kits coming along?

Answer:

We have received approval for the funding. We are currently waiting on the supplies to come in.

Question

What are the comfort kits?

Answer:

They are a bag of items that will be distributed to the population. They will include items such as activity books, toothpaste, popcorn, and a few other food items.

Question

If an inmate chose not to have the vaccine, will they be able to get one at a later date?

Answer:

Of course. If they kite Medical and we have vaccine available, they will be given a vaccination.

Question

These vaccines have an expiration dates, so what does that look like?

Answer:

We will not administer a vaccine past the expiration date. If we require more, we will put in the request to receive them. The individual will be vaccinated when the dose is received.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday May 6, 2021 @0900.