

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 6/3/2021 @ 0900

Attendees

- **Local Family Council Members**

- **DOC Staff:**

Kate Jansen, Administrative Assistant

Michelle Duncan, Associate Superintendent

Ken Jennings, Health Services Manager

Jeff Uttecht, Superintendent

Paige Perkinson, Outreach

- **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 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 – 193

Incarcerated Individuals: 415 (13 in the last 30 days)

MSU: 123
MSC: 292
In hospital: 0
Isolation: 3
Quarantine: 115

Total Vaccinations given at CRCC (Staff and Individuals): 2,620 Total

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:

Sage Unit West has been taken off quarantine status. All units are running under normal operations.

MSC Unit Operations

G Unit A Pod is currently under quarantine status. The remaining MSC living units continue to operate with the identified cohorts and schedule.

Visitation

Visitation has been resumed. Please visit <https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/incarceration/prisons/crcc.htm> for all the information regarding in-person visits for Coyote Ridge Corrections Center.

There was a concern regarding visitation regarding surgical masks. The surgical mask is to be worn at all time to cover your nose and mouth. Failure to comply with this may be grounds for immediate termination of the visit. However, we are also aware that people will need to blow their nose, move their masks, etc. This is acceptable for these needs.

Questions

Question

I am confused regarding Visitation and the rotation. Could you explain that?

Answer:

The days rotates so that people that can't come up on a Monday or Friday can come up on Saturday or Sunday. So, it is possible that your visit may not fall on a particular calendar month but should be around 30 days between visits.

Question

I originally schedule for myself and another visitor, do I need to let you know if that person isn't going to be there?

Answer:

It is always helpful if we know in advance.

Question

How many visitors are we getting per time slot? I know a lot of people that are saying the visit room isn't full.

Answer:

We have not seen a full visitation room yet. Some of it depends on the living unit that is visiting at that time. It also depends on the date/time slot etc. There are times when things are slower, but we also have times where they are busier.

Question

What about the unit closures? What is happening with that?

Answer:

Based on the number of people coming in the doors, and the number of people leaving, it has been projected that there will be unit closures throughout DOC and CRCC has 3 units projected. This has been proposed based on needs. The initial plan is to reduce the housing at CRCC as well as other facilities around the state. The proposal is to close F and E Unit as well as Camas down at our Camp. This is still in the very early stages, and there is still a lot to discuss regarding this topic.

Question

Is this over a long period of time, or are we looking at a shorter term?

Answer:

I would say between now and the end of the year. I couldn't say for sure. We are not aware of the specific details.

Question

Is it possible for an individual to request a specific facility/unit?

Answer:

I haven't heard of anything regarding that. I would recommend that they speak to their Classification Counselor about that.

Question

I don't understand why the population is under rotation/cohort when you have such a low population.

Answer:

I understand that. We have been directed by Headquarters that we will maintain the social distancing and face mask guidelines. We will follow that directive until we are given other information.

Question

Has there been any discussion regarding opening this up?

Answer:

Not currently. According to Paige Perkinson, there has been discussions, but she has not been a part of those conversations and not give any specifics.

Question

With the population decreasing in the units, would that be a unit by unit decision?

Answer:

Our plans has not changed. We still have COVID in the prison and we are still managing that. We continue to work on mitigating the spread of this virus. We are not in a place to modify that.

Question

Are you able to trace back and figure out where those cases are coming from?

Answer:

We do trace it the best that we can; however, it is not always possible to pinpoint the exact date and time that someone was exposed. We also trace back so that we can isolate those that may have come into contact to prevent further spread of the virus.

Question

Family members were asked for feedback on their last visits with the barriers.

Answer

It was very hard to not be able to hug our loved one but happy that we can see them again. It meant a lot to finally be able to see them, even when it was behind a barrier. It is difficult to hear during visits and at times hot with the face masks on. The officers have been very kind and respectful. I look forward to regular visitation resuming. One family member noted that from their loved one's perspective, he felt like an animal in the zoo.

Michelle: We will speak to the Visitation staff regarding spacing people out to help avoid excess noise whenever possible.

Question

The video visit with the Team. Can you send instructions on how to get in there?

Answer:

Yes, I can put some instructions here in the notes. If you haven't downloaded the application, you may need to download the application. If that doesn't work, reach out to me in an email and I can try and walk you through the process.

Notes for Accessing Meeting from Microsoft Teams

If you haven't received the calendar invite to Family Council Meetings/COVID Calls, please reach out to Kate Jansen or Michelle Duncan for the invite.

- 1. Go to the Calendar icon on the left-hand side of your Teams screen. Click on the small Calendar icon.**
 - 2. Your calendar will show any meetings that you have scheduled. Find the correct date/time. Double click on the Meeting time this will pull up all the information in regard to the meeting.**
 - 3. In the upper right-hand corner is a button that reads "Join". If you push that button, you should automatically be joined into the meeting.**
- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday June 17, 2021 @0900.