

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center**

**Date and Time: 7/15/2021 @ 0900**

## Attendees

- **Local Family Council Members**

- **DOC Staff:**

Kate Jansen, Administrative Assistant

Ken Jennings, Health Services Manager

Monica Ritter, Engagement and Outreach

Jeff Uttecht, Superintendent

Reed Leisinger, Correctional Program Manager

- **OMBUDS**

Caitlyn Robertson, OCO

- **Please note:**

- Questions for upcoming meetings are to be emailed to Kate Jansen at [catherine.jansen@doc1.wa.gov](mailto: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](mailto:catherine.jansen@doc1.wa.gov) or [miduncan@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:miduncan@doc1.wa.gov).

## Weekly Update

## Testing

**Incarcerated Individuals:** 415 (0 in the last 30 days)

MSU: 123

MSC: 292

In hospital: 0

Isolation: 0

Quarantine: 2

**Total Vaccinations given at CRCC (Staff and Individuals): 2,848**

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:

All MSU units are running under normal cohort operations.

### MSC Unit Operations

The MSC living units continue to operate with the identified cohorts and schedule. We have eliminated the upper and lower dayroom rotation for the MI3 units. However, there is still a maximum of 64 people in the dayroom at one time, and only two individuals to a table. Social distancing and surgical masks are a must.

### Heat Exposure

We have implemented some changes given the heat we have been experiencing. Once the temperature reaches 100 degrees, we close the yard. Also, if a building reaches 89 degrees, that building will be closed.

### 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.

### Unit Closures

There has been a significant decrease in the population and the Department is working on a Phased approach to consolidate the units. This is still a proposed plan, so it is subject to change. Regarding Coyote Ridge, the first phase is shutting down operations in E Unit. The second phase would be shutting down operations in Camas Unit. There is no direct timeline regarding this process. Locally we are working on how to implement these changes.

## Questions

### Question

Have you ever seen anything like this before?

Answer:

I have not. We have had reductions before, but I have never seen a court decision that has had this sort of impact.

### Question

Has there been any updates to visitation?

Answer:

We don't have any official information. There are still discussions happening. Once we have official information, we will be sure to inform you.

#### Question

When will Medium be off their rotation and be able to have 64 people in their dayroom?

Answer:

We look at this every day. There are a few activities that are currently prohibiting that. We are working on replacing the counters in the dayroom, which affects this, and unfortunately, what remains is the Medium side. I will look for into this and hopefully get an update.

#### Question

Has there been any information on outside programs coming back into the prison?

Answer:

There have been conversations about this. There are several things that come up when discussing allowing volunteers back into the facility. We must make sure that when we bring volunteers back that it is safe to do so.

#### Question

I know that visiting is up to Headquarters, but I don't know if there is anything, we can do to request a weekend specific day?

Answer:

You request your days when you submit a visit request. We all know that changes are coming to visitation, but we don't know what that looks like yet. Once I have some official information, I will be sure to inform you of that.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday July 29, 2021 @0900.