

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 8/12/2021 @ 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 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

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

MSU: 123

MSC: 292

In hospital: 0

Isolation: 0

Quarantine: 1

Total Vaccinations given at CRCC (Staff and Individuals): 2,889

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.

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.

Questions

Question

With the heat advisory and other weather advisories, what sort of precautions do you take? Have sent you a link with some information.

Answer:

The facility has a procedure for the heat, as well as the smoke that we are currently experiencing. If the temperature reaches 100 degrees or more, we close the yard. Also, any building that is not equipped with a cooling system, such as our Textiles building, will be closed when the temperature reaches 89 degrees or more. In terms of the smoke, if the air quality index reaches 151 or more, we close yard and outside activities. We will take the time to look at the link provided. Thank you for the information.

Question

I heard that maintenance workers were laid in for COVID testing. How many times will they be tested? And do they get paid for the travel to and from their work site?

Answer:

We can't give a definitive answer as to how many tests the population will receive. We will continue to test as directed by medical staff in order to keep those that live here safe. I doubt that your loved one will receive pay for his travel from unit to maintenance.

Question

When are we going to be notified about EFV's? Is this going to affect EFV's at all?

Answer:

At this point in time, we are prepared to open EFV's on September 1, 2021. If Extended Family Visits are affected, communication will be distributed about that.

Comment

H Unit ice maker was taken out and has now been reinstalled. I have heard that it is not operating correctly, and there is limited ice.

Answer:

We will investigate that. Thank you for bringing that to our attention.

Update: The ice machine is running, ice is available, but the production is slow. Maintenance has been notified and it will be looked at.

Question

Does the EFV count as our one visit per month?

Answer:

I haven't heard. I will reach out and find some more information regarding this.

Question

Are we going to resume in-person LFC Meetings?

Answer:

I will reach out and ask about that. I am not sure if that has been discussed.

Question

What does the testing process look like for visits?

Answer:

Visitors will be tested onsite. Please see the attached letter for all the information on the Visitor Rapid Antigen Testing Process.

Question

Will we be tested before the EFV?

Answer:

It is likely, yes. No official direction has been given.

Update: Yes. If you are arriving for an Extended Family Visit, you will be asked to participate in our active screening, provide proof of vaccination OR complete a rapid antigen test. For more information on this, please visit <https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/incarceration/visiting/prison-visits.htm#efv>.

Please expect a new invite for the LFC Meetings and the COVID Calls.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday August 26, 2021 @0900.