

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 9/16/2021 at 0900

Attendees

- **Local Family Council Members**

- **DOC Staff:**

Kate Jansen, Administrative Assistant

Melissa Andrewjeski, Superintendent

Monica Ritter, Engagement and Outreach

Ken Jennings, Health Services Manager

Andrew Sawyer, Associate Superintendent

- **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: 433 (15 in the last 30 days)

MSU: 135

MSC: 298

In hospital: 0

Isolation: 0

Quarantine: Sage East

Total Vaccinations given at CRCC (Staff and Individuals): 2,918

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. Sage East is currently under quarantine status. Sage East is a protected area and is being monitored very closely at this time.

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. H Unit is on an outbreak cluster due to staff positive cases.

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

What does cluster mean? That is the first time I am hearing that term.

Answer:

Cluster refers to staff. We currently don't have any individuals that have tested positive.

Question

Does the cluster affect visitation?

Answer:

At this point, it doesn't. If the unit goes on quarantine due to individual positive cases, visitation may be restricted.

Question

I haven't heard much about you Melissa. Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

Answer:

Melissa Andrewjeski has been with the Department of Corrections for over 29 years in many different capacities. She began her career as an officer in 1991 at the Washington State Penitentiary and has promoted and held many different leadership positions at five different facilities as well as worked in high education for a short time. Melissa has a master's degree in social work (MSW) from Walla Walla University with an emphasis in

menta health and has a minor from her undergraduate degree in drug and alcohol counseling. Melissa helped open Ahtanum View Correctional Complex and helped lead the expansion at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center in 2007.

Question:

Are you looking at testing all visitors? Or is it just for those that are not vaccinated? Does it look like that is going to change?

Answer:

That is a great question. That has not been a direction from Headquarters. However, it may be a great question to bring forward to the Statewide Family Council. There is a meeting this Saturday, which is accessible through the Family page of the website if you are interested.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday September 16, 2021 @0900.