

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

**Date and Time:** 2/17/2022, 10:30 AM

## Attendees

- Andrew Sawyer (Associate Superintendent), William Copeland (Family Services), Alexandra Stevenson (Administrative Assistant 3), Caitlin Robertson (OCO), Christopher Mequet (Health Services Manager 2), Elizabeth Deleon, Allyson Alexander, Gwen McIlveen, Mary Mansour, Loren Taylor, Kristen Hunt, Kazuko Fowler, Linda Dawson, Sandi Tewes, Beverly Richmond

## Weekly Update

- Currently only have G unit is the only unit still out outbreak status. F unit continues to house positive and recovered individuals. B unit A pod continues to house individuals who are close contact. Some of the challenges we are experiencing is not mixing individuals from different units. We are working on expanding the yard schedule currently. We are also working on how to get some of the individuals back to education. We will know more on this today. We continue to move in the right direction.

## Pre-Submitted Questions

No pre-submitted questions.

## Additional Questions

### Question 1

The problem is individuals who are close contact are across the hall from the people who are not infected. The problem is they need to be moved from that unit.

Answer

As of yesterday, those individuals have come off quarantine and will no longer be tested. There have been very few individuals who have tested positive come from the pod that is across the hall. If we look at the numbers, they have mostly come from other units.

### Question 2

Who is holding the staff accountable for wearing their face masks?

Answer

Supervisors and managers are to watch for mask compliance. We have a new position opening for COVID compliance. We also put this on to staff to watch their other staff members and address any concerns.

### Question 3

We are experiencing censorship. Things we are sending in are no being given to them. Are they allowed to talk about the conditions of the prison?

Answer

There are certain things that are being flagged which does cause some of those messages to be held up. Incarcerated individuals are allowed to talk about the conditions of the prison. The flagged words are more for the safety and security of the facility.

#### Question 4

Are the booster shots being offered to the incarcerated population? How can the incarcerated individuals ask for the shot?

Answer

We have contracted with a third party to help provide the shots to the individuals. This is an ongoing process and has been happening for two weeks. Each incarcerated individual can send a kite to medical requesting the vaccine. We have been trying to reach those individuals.

#### Question 5

Are the staffing issues impacting the incarcerated population from opening yard?

Answer

No, we are doing okay with staffing.

#### Question 6

I have heard they were doing hot breakfast and am wondering how it is going? What does a grab and go meal consist of?

Answer

I will look into this and give a clear answer. I have not heard of too many challenges, besides pill line. Tomorrow grab and go will start. Grab and go is when they come down and grab their meals from the dining hall and take it back to their units.

Update: We have started the grab and go process and are working through challenges as they are presented to us.

#### Question 7

Has there been any talk about how to change the processes being used with COVID? The CDC guidelines have also been updated as of February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Answer

There has been some change and they are made to battle COVID. It may be causing some issues, but they are also trying to take a more holistic approach. We operate to make us all as successful as possible.

#### Question 8

What does it take to be off outbreak status across the state? Who determines when to get back to visitation? Is there any way EFV could be considered to start back up at the beginning of visitation?

Answer

My understanding is it is based on the facility not on the entire state. They are attempting to prepare visitation staff and others to start visitation back up quickly when it is appropriate to do so. We do not know how visitation will open and when EFV's will resume.

### Comments/Closing

- Please let us know if there are any other questions you would like addressed in future meetings, please send them to Andrew Sawyer or Alexandra Stevenson.