

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

**Date and Time:** 3/3/2022, 10:30 AM

## Attendees

- Jeremy Turner (Associate Superintendent), Melissa Andrewjeski (Superintendent), William Copeland (Family Services), Alexandra Stevenson (Administrative Assistant 3), (DOC), Madison Murphy (Community Partnership Program Coordinator), Christopher Mequet (Health Services Manager 2), Paige Perkinson (HQ communication Liaison), Allyson Alexander, Gwen McIlveen, Mary Mansour, Loren Taylor, Kristen Hunt, Kazuko Fowler, Lisa Rogers, Beverly Richmond, Tasha Haskins, Wendy Wilhem, Laura Baehner

## Weekly Update

- B Unit A pod continues to house the super quarantine individuals. There are currently 47 individuals in this area. F unit continues to house the asymptomatic individuals who are recovering. Segregation has a few positive cases as well as a quarantine tier. The facility continues to work towards normal operations. Yesterday programming resumed. We are on a limited area outbreak due to the positive COVID cases with the incarcerated population. We are on a facility cluster due to the staff cases. Currently waiting for approval from headquarters to remove this status and start testing staff once a week.

## Pre-Submitted Questions

No pre-submitted questions.

## Additional Questions

### Question 1

If we are considered normal operations, will they be able to move for court ordered transfer?

Answer

Yes. Even when in outbreak status, individuals who are court ordered to transfer will still transfer. We contact the court and discuss their COVID status prior to transfer.

### Question 2

When are the weigh decks opening back up? Some people have been charged for weight deck; will they be refunded?

Answer

The opening of the weight deck is a head quarters decision and may be a part of the safe start. A memo was sent to the incarcerated individuals on January 28, 2022 discussing what would occur in the event an individual has paid for the weight deck during an outbreak. If the individual has already paid, their fees for the next quarter will be waived. No refunds will be provided under any circumstances.

### Question 3

When will transfers occur?

Answer

More transfers will occur when facilities start to open back up across the state. COVID and unit closures have slowed this down. We are hoping this starts to happen very soon.

#### Question 4

When will the MI3 individuals housed in Medium Units be moved into their correct security level? Is there any way to give those MI3 individuals minimum time out of their cells? When moving MI3 individuals, is there any way to address the treatment from staff?

#### Answer

At this facility, there are a lot of individuals who are stuck in housing that does not match their security level due to the amount of MI3 beds available. We continue to move some of those individuals on a weekly basis. Moves are based on seniority of when they became MI3. We like to have individuals at the custody level they are assigned. We can not let the MI3 individuals in Medium Units have minimum time out due to the problems it would cause in the units. They need to follow the requirements of the unit they are in. Regardless of the custody level of the incarcerated individual, we expect staff and supervisors to treat those individuals the same.

#### Question 5

When are new mattresses being handed out?

#### Answer

New mattresses are being handed out. There is some issues with the supply and how many new mattresses we can get. When moves occurred, the incarcerated individuals took their mattresses and property with them to the new unit.

#### Question 6

Are D and E unit on split racks? Why cant they have an open dayroom? At the statewide COVID Call, it was stated cohorts cannot be used as a form of punishment.

#### Answer

I am unsure of those meeting minutes. However, there will be more discussion on this. Part of the reason for split racks in the MED (D & E) units is not being able to socially distance those individuals. We are also having a hard time maintaining both social distance and mask compliance.

#### Question 7

Are the photos going to be at no cost to the family members visiting? Is there a date for the EFVs to start?

#### Answer

Yes. There has been a meeting with Sgt. Collins and all of the visitation staff have been advised of this. Staff will come around to the tables to take these pictures. Mask must be worn at all times. You will be able to do three different poses and chose one picture you would like to have printed. The picture will be given to you at the end of the visit. Headquarters will establish a date for will EFVs will resume.

### Comments/Closing

- For the next Bi-Monthly Family Council Meeting, please start thinking about ideas for changes that could be made to the visitation room to make it positive and more family friendly. Please send any questions you may have to Jeremy Turner or Alexandra Stevenson.