

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 3/10/2022, 9:00 AM

Attendees

- Jeremy Turner (Associate Superintendent), William Copeland (Family Services), Paige Perkinson (HQ communication Liaison), Harj Aulakh (HQ Engagement/Outreach), Monica Ritter (HQ Engagement/Outreach), Madison Vinson (OCO), Caitlin Robertson (OCO),
- Allyson Alexander, Gwen McIlveen, Loren Taylor, Kristen Hunt, Kazuko Fowler, Lisa Rogers, Beverly Richmond, Wendy Wilhelm, Elizabeth Deleon, Linda Dawson, Mary Christine Barbour, Sandi Tewes.

Weekly Update

- All of B Unit is now on quarantine due to some new cases on B pod. A pod continues to house the super quarantine individuals from different areas. 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. On 3/9/22 the weight decks were re-opened. We are on a limited area outbreak (B-unit and A-unit) due to the positive COVID cases with the incarcerated population. We are on a facility cluster due to the staff cases.

Pre-Submitted Questions

No pre-submitted questions.

Additional Questions

Question 1

Mattresses are not always being moved when someone must move to quarantine or isolation. Also, many of the mattresses are worn out.

Answer

There may have been some isolated cases when mattresses did not get moved, the current direction is for anyone moving from one area to another for covid, to pack all their property and take the mattress with them. We are trying to replace as many mattresses as possible with the new ones, we are trying to get some additional funds that would allow us to replace all at once.

Question 2

Will the current limited area outbreak change anything for visitation?

Answer

No, just the units involved (currently B-unit) can not have visits.

Question 3

Do you know when EFV's will resume?

Answer

HQ is reviewing that next week and we will have to wait for that information to come out.

Question 4

The incarcerated that are in isolation, are they still getting tested and how long do they have to be in isolation?

Answer

<https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/docs/screening-testing-infection-control-guideline.pdf>

The above link takes you to the WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline on the public website. Pages 9-13 speak to Isolation, page 12, “11) Clearing from Medical isolation”, goes over a few scenarios on the time frames and steps required in isolation, but generally healthy asymptomatic or mild-moderately symptomatic individuals must spend 10 days in isolation and have one negative Covid-19 rapid antigen test prior to clearance.

Question 5

How are the cohorts managed in B-unit and if someone test positive does that affect everyone’s time on quarantine?

Answer

B-unit A-pod has a variety of sizes for cohorts as those depend on the number of individuals received and from what area. B-unit B-pod is using our standard quarantine cohort schedule of 8 cells. For example, cells 1-8 is a cohort, cells 9-16 is the next cohort. They are supposed to only be out in those groups. While they undergo testing, if a positive is received in the 1-8 cell cohort, it only starts that cohorts time over, not the 9-16 cell cohort. Page 14 of the above guideline outlines the quarantine testing process and timelines.

Question 6

Once the MI3 individuals in F-unit are recovered and released from isolation, are they able to move to one of the MI3 units (I, H, or G) instead of going back to B-unit? Can the MI3 in medium units be combined together until they get moved over to a MI3 unit?

Answer

There are some that were scheduled to move to MI3 units when the B-unit B-pod outbreak occurred, those will be moved to MI3 units once cleared from isolation, the others will move back to B-unit. At any given time CRCC has more MI3 individuals than MI3 beds and will have to maintain some in medium beds. We work to move them over weekly systematically. We are considering some different options with the housing in the medium units to alleviate some of the issues we are having, it is difficult to keep all MI3 in just one area in medium as there are numerous housing factors that must be considered, such as PREA, HSR’s, STG, keep separates, etc.

Question 7

They is a large number of infractions being written in C-unit and the Sergeant is tell the incarcerated that their side of it doesn’t matter and they can appeal it. Shouldn’t there be some communication and progressive discipline, verbal, BOE’s..

Answer

I will look into the infractions and see what they pertain to. We should be using progressive discipline however if it’s a situation that needs to be corrected with an infraction, staff are expected to address it with an infraction. Ones behavior generally dictates the outcome.

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. Thank you all for you involvement, feedback, and support for your loved ones.