

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 3/24/2022, 9:00 AM

Attendees

- Jeremy Turner (Associate Superintendent), Bradley Bowman (DOC Associate Superintendent on 4/16/2022), William Copeland (Family Services), Alexandra Stevenson (AA3) Madison Murphy (CPPC), Monica Ritter (HQ Engagement/Outreach), Madison Vinson (OCO)
- Allyson Alexander, Gwen McIlveen, Loren Taylor, Lisa Rogers, Wendy Wilhelm, Elizabeth Deleon, Linda Dawson, Mary Christine Barbour, Edna Leon, Sandi Tewes, Beverly Richmond, Kristen Hunt, Karlina Tasker

Weekly Update

- B, D, and E unit are currently under quarantine and on limited area outbreak. We are expecting test results to be coming in soon as they were all recently tested. We are still using F unit, some of segregation and half of D unit to hold isolation individuals. CRCC current numbers for this outbreak since Jan 8 is: 891 total cases. There are currently 239 on quarantine and 215 on isolation.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

E Unit has been on quarantine since March 17th and have only been tested once. Why is it taking them so long to test them if they have already taken out all the positive cases?

Answer

Last week on the minutes, there was a link on the testing guidelines. Page 25 covers the testing process. The incarcerated should be tested approximately every 7 days unit we get two consecutive negative tests.

Question 2

Why is it 14 days to quarantine when it is 5 days for outside population?

Answer

The biggest reason is the prisons fall under congregate living and are under different guidelines from the CDC.

Question 3

Why is the running total of positive cases for the last two years when there is an apparent surge in January? We need a list of new cases per week and how many were taken off a COVID status. Some men in units don't have a negative test for weeks. I can't follow the DOC posting or know if progress is being made, how can CRCC follow it or know?

Answer

The DOC website can take some time to catch up. I do try and provide the current numbers on the COVID calls. We try and keep the information going to headquarters current. We can try and give more total numbers during this outbreak. If an individual test positive, they are only counted as one positive case no matter the number of times that individual test positive.

Additional Questions

Question 1

One individual said there were minimum cleaning supplies when they were moved from one unit to another. One of the things that would be a good idea is to give everyone their own cleaning supplies. Even though COVID is coming back as a different variant does not mean the cleaning stops.

Answer

There should be cleaning supplies ready and available to all individuals in each unit. The problem with giving supplies to everyone is the potential cost of these supplies as well as it could be a safety concern depending on what is out in the facility. This is something we will look into.

Question 2

It seems a lot of the men are fearful because of breathing in the air in the units.

Answer

They are kept in smaller cohorts in the units, there are air scrubbers running on all the pods to help clean the air, and we are now getting them outside twice a week.

Question 3

At camp, the shower curtain is so thin and clings to them as they shower. Some of them have doors. Is there any way we can get those fixed?

Answer

That is something we will have to talk to maintenance about.

Question 4

Are the N95 masks available to the individuals? Are they allowed to double their surgical mask?

Answer

Yes, the N95 masks are available, I would have to check on the type. They should be allowed to double their mask.

Question 5

Any details on the chain going into C unit today? Have they all been tested and are they medium or minimum custody?

Answer

Yes, they have all been tested and results are confirmed for those individuals who are moving into those units.

Question 6

Can you please provide more clarification on the individuals moving back to the minimum side of the facility from C unit? They were originally being given the F unit yard; however, they are no longer getting that. Why can't the medium and minimum individuals be separated?

Answer

We are trying to move some individuals back. We try and make sure each of the pods are compatible with both the minimum and medium individuals in those units. I will look into the yard information because I am not sure about this. There is not enough space to make a complete separation of medium and minimum individuals. F unit is only open for emergency operation.

Question 7

Why are individuals only getting one hour out when they could be given more time out? This would help with the mental health of those individuals.

Answer

Whenever we go under quarantine, we try and utilize the smaller cohort rotation. The smaller cohorts are on an 8-cell rotation with about 16 people out of there cells. Due to the rotation schedule, it can take the entire day to get through all the cohorts in the unit.

Question 8

When are the EFV visits going to start?

Answer

HQ has not determined when EFV will officially start back. We will hopefully see information on this soon.

Comments/Closing

- Reminder there is the bi-monthly Family Council Meeting on 4/2/2022. Please email Alexandra Stevenson arstevenson@doc1.wa.gov for any classification questions you may have.