

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

**Date and Time:** 7/28/2022 at 10:00 AM

## Attendees

- Jeremy Turner (Associate Superintendent), Bradley Bowman (Associate Superintendent), Jeff Perkins (Superintendent B), Alexandra Stevenson (AA3), Madison Murphy (CPPC), William Copland (Family Services Specialist)
- Elizabeth Deleon, Wendy Wilhelm, Gwen McIlveen, Kazuko Fowler, Edna Leon, Mary Mansour, Allyson Alexander, Kristin Hunt, Miriam Fry, Marcia Corbett, Araceli Delagarza

## Weekly Update

- 47 individuals have tested positive and are in B unit A pod. In the last 14 days we have had approximately 20 staff test positive from various areas. We tested the entire population yesterday, 7/27/2022, and received 400 results today and all were negative. We are currently waiting on the results for about 1400 tests. We do pose a risk of going on a facility wide outbreak. Communication will continue to be sent out as soon as we know more. We understand it may cause problems with visitation and do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Pre-Submitted Questions

### Question 1

The people who were transferred to B unit because they tested positive for COVID, will they return to their assigned units after quarantine?

Answer

Yes, if they test negative after 7 days, they will move back to their original unit.

### Question 2

I would like to see all the staff have a rapid antigen test prior to coming to work because all the COVID cases are coming from staff.

Answer

We understand the concern, however we cannot deviate from the guidelines. The only staff who rapid test now are those who have had close contact or have recently tested positive. People who do not routinely test or come into the facility are also rapid tested when they arrive.

### Question 3

PCR Tests are unreliable. The number of false positives suggest that this is no longer an effective test.

Answer

The PCR tests we use should be most up to date. We cannot change the process as it comes from headquarters.

### Question 4

If H unit is on quarantine and no visitation, will the EFV payment still be deducted or are they on Hold?

Answer

If they were already taken out, we would look at having it be refunded, or credited to another visit.

## Additional Questions

### Question 1

If there are no new positive in Camas and the 14<sup>th</sup> day is prior to the visit, is it still cancelled?

Answer

Not at this time. We will contact those with visits prior to their scheduled time if they are going to be cancelled. The time lines will be dictated by the protocol and any continued positives in the unit.

### Question 2

When will they test again?

Answer

They all should be tested in the next 7 days. This week will determine the testing schedule.

### Question 3

Would the new cases get their test results of whether they are negative or positive?

Answer

They are supposed to, but I cannot tell you how quickly they are getting their results back. There may be a bit of a delay due to some of the issues medical is having.

### Question 4

The units that are on quarantine, are they processing the visits for later dates?

Answer

No, they are not being processed. Please look for updates on the website.

### Question 5

C unit was not able to get their 9 AM yard and it is very hot. Why did they not receive yard?

Answer

Due to staffing issues different areas within the facility have had to close. We do understand how important yard is for them and apologize for problems it has caused.

### Question 6

Why does the yard close when temperatures are above 100 degrees?

Answer

It is set for the safety of the incarcerated individuals and staff. It is a CRCC policy.

### Question 7

Is the DOC in alignment with the department of health in the length of quarantine?

Answer

DOC has always been a little more cautious. DOC has gone to a 7 day rule when it used to be 10. We are a little higher than DOH. CDC guidelines are more stringent in congregate living settings. Some medications are here to help with symptoms and the duration of those symptoms. The medication is Paxlovid and there is some criteria around its use.

### Question 8

Why are other states not following the DOH guidelines for congregate living?

Answer

We can not speak as to why others are not following the guidelines.

#### Question 9

What day did Camas go on quarantine? There is some confusion as to length of quarantine.

Answer

Camas went on quarantine Sunday July 24, 2022. We tested the entire unit on Monday July 25, 2022, and received more positive results. We will need to be removed from facility cluster status (staff caes) and two negative tests in 14 days to go off quarantine after that. Hard to say at this time.

#### Question 10

What are your standards for video visits with COVID?

Answer

Nothing should change for video visits with COVID as dayrooms are open and there are no small cohorts.

#### Question 11

Please look into the Camas west phone #1 it is not working, and neither is one of the kiosks.

Answer

They are waiting for one of the parts for the kiosk and we will look into getting the phone working as soon as possible. The KIOSK has been repaired.

#### Question 12

Are they testing the officers daily?

Answer

We are testing all staff members twice a week with PCR tests.

#### Comments/Closing

- Please continue to send questions you would like to have answered to Jeremy Turner and Alexandra Stevenson.
- Reminder there is the bi-monthly meeting on Saturday August 6, 2022.