

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Monroe Correctional Complex

Date and Time: 7/30/20, 1:00 PM

Attendees

- Lynn Barker
- David Bullard
- Jody Bullard
- Byron Coates
- Felix D'Allesandro
- Diane Durall
- Angela Hinton
- Josephine Johnson
- Christine Mathison
- Diane Pasta
- Rob Tarver
- Joanne Todd
- Carol Welch
- Danielle White
- Ina McNeese
- Kathleen Bechler
- Kari Styles
- Karen Haydon
- John Padilla
- Jack Warner
- Mark Miller
- George Turcin
- Michele Wood
- Matthias Gyde

Weekly Update

Numbers of Incarcerated Individuals on Quarantine – SOU F Unit has 1 and MSU has 24 at the time of this conference call.

Current population on isolation at the MCC COVID Unit (IMU) is 18. The breakdown on where they are from is:

MSU – 6

SOU - 1

Violators - 10

AHCC – 1

There are Post Convalescent individuals who are recovering and not tracked by facility of origin and are waiting to be cleared to return to where they are from.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

I heard that there was an issue with some of the testing at MSU, so the unit had to reset and start over?

Answer

Not sure what is being referred to. Only two tiers remain on quarantine at the MSU, and they come off quarantine tomorrow. That is roughly 24 individuals.

Question 2

I know this has been brought up several times, but with the 4th tier full again and MSU is being spread out for social distancing, where is the equal protection? Can HQ make the decision to have the top bunks of 4th tier inactive for social distancing?

Answer

Our population numbers are determined by coordination between the ICP and Headquarters. Facilities across the state are feeling the pinch. The outbreaks at CRCC and MCC MSU furthered the population crunches. WCC cannot sustain holding all the newly incarcerated individuals.

Question 3

The sound again is not working in the units for the movie channel, this is both at WSR and MSU that we know of.

Answer

I have forwarded this concern to our Electronics Technician, I did check the channel in my conference room before I left for this meeting and it was working. CPM Miller (MSU) reports that on some of the older televisions the sound is faint. We are hearing that this may be due to the old analog. CPM Cohn reports this is being looked into. I've also forwarded this information to see what can be done. The newer TV's don't seem to have this issue.

Question 4

Is there any way that their players can be hooked up to their TV's to be able to watch movies off of their tablet on their TV's? Guys with the older smaller players are having a hard time watching movies on the players.

Answer

Currently there is no ability to connect MP players to the televisions.

Question 5

Some guys are reporting small red bites of some kind, can someone check in this? (I told my husband to make sure the guys are reporting it themselves also to someone)

Answer

Hopefully those individuals are reporting to health services. There are a lot of individuals sunbathing in the recreation yard. No reports of infestations in the living units have been brought to my attentions.

Question 6

It was nice to hear WSR Unit D got soap and a new mask, did this happen for the other units at WSR and all the facilities on the hill?

Answer

Last week it was reported that the distributor changed, resulting in less product per cases received. This has been addressed.

Additional Questions

Question 1

We are now permitted to have Bi-Monthly regular Family Council meetings Via Skype. What are the plans for MCC?

Answer

In addition to our weekly COVID Teleconference, we will start having our formal LFC meetings via Skype. Kathleen will send a proposed schedule and our plan is to have a Skype Meeting on August 13th. People will be able to join via Skype for business or be able to join by telephone. We can do a practice dry run 15 minutes before the meeting to ensure everyone is able to get on and to resolve issues before the meeting.

Question 2

Will our COVID Teleconference calls still be on Thursdays?

Answer

Yes, we will have our COVID Teleconference on Thursdays. I am willing to poll the group to see if Thursday or Friday is better. I am happy to do either.

Question 3

Is there an update on the Microwave at TRU? I heard it had not been fixed yet.

Answer

I will look into it.

Update: On Friday I found out that the microwave in question has been scheduled for replacement on Tuesday August 3rd.

Question 4

Video visiting and JPay were not working and there were no tickets reporting it. Why?

Answer

Perhaps with it not working, some folks were relying on others to report the outage. It is better not to assume that it has been reported and submit a ticket for each occurrence.

Question 5

What happened to the laundry with the clean sheets and blankets on A/B Unit?

Answer

With the opening of 3A some of the supplies disappeared and we are trying to track down what happened and replace the missing items. CPM Styles is working with the Unit Supervisors to replace stock.

Comments/Closing

There is a reminder of the back to school event on August 8th. For details contact Kaela Chong. Thank you everyone.