

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Monroe Correctional Complex

Date and Time: 10/8/20, 1:00 PM

Attendees

- Lynn Barker
- Karen Cain
- Amanda DeLay
- Diane Durall
- Christine Mathison
- Stephanie Meadows
- Diane Pasta
- Rob Tarver
- Danielle White
- Bill Frantz
- Sandra Arrietta
- Heather Trenk
- Kathleen Bechler

Weekly Update

We are in Week 11 of COVID testing for Staff. So far we have done **10,242** tests on staff and contractors and there are currently no new positive or inconclusive COVID tests.

From **September 28-October 1**, Total number of staff COVID tests conducted this week - **921**

COVID Unit - We have 16 on isolation and 27 on Quarantine. There are 39 Violators on intake separation. Incident Command reported that several who are in quarantine will release to population soon as their quarantine period is almost over and 1 from isolation is COVID positive and he came from the community.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

I've now heard from more people that their beading supplies orders are being denied by Rec person because of them not adding taxes which causes a delay. Can you give us some insight into the issue?

Answer

Tax must be included in all orders as this is the law. This was relayed to the population in July of 2018. If there is a matter of not having the tax, the tax should be added before the order being processed. Rec Supervisor Casey Gallagher is aware of this. The TRU Rec. Specialist was deployed and was done, but is now returning to TRU.

Question 2

There was a message sent out to all inmates regarding mail being delayed for processing at MCC between 10/20 and 10/23. What is the reason for this?

Answer

This is due to Mandatory Temporary Lay-offs and the dates are not changeable. There will be a process put in place to keep the legal mail moving.

Question 3

Porters who have always been let out of their housing unit at 6:30 am on D unit WSR, are now not allowed out till 7 AM – which means a loss of a half hour of work for those that work in the mornings. The reason for this is?

Answer

The decision was made in response to multiple grievances as the porters were cleaning the kiosks and microwaves at the same time people were trying to get on the kiosks and get something to eat between 6:30 – 7:00 before heading out to work for the rest of the day. This gives those who leave to go to work access before they leave for the day.

Additional Questions

Question 1

How are the Incarcerated Individuals tested for COVID? Do they do the test themselves or is it done by staff? How is their testing done?

Answer

I don't know the answer, but I will try to find out.

UPDATE: Our medical staff conduct the test, it is not self-administered.

Question 2

The Skype meeting next week, it is the same connection as on this call?

Answer

Yes, it is. Kathleen will send out the invitation to the Skype meeting again so that all Family Council Members will be able to login. Update: This was completed.

Question 3

I didn't receive the notes from last week's teleconference.

Answer

Kathleen will send the notes from last week's meeting right after this call. Update: This was completed.

Question 4

I wanted to get an update on the visiting room barriers. How much will the barriers cost for MCC's visiting rooms? Will the money be coming from the Betterment Fund?

Answer

I don't know the answer.

Update: Visiting Barriers WILL NOT be paid for through the Betterment Fund.

Question 5

When will visiting start?

Answer

Visiting is very important and headquarters is working to get visiting going soon as possible. I don't know when visiting will start, but more information will be coming.

Comments/Closing

Thank you everyone for your questions. Thank you to Captain Frantz for presiding over this call. Have a good weekend.