

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Details

Facility: Monroe Correctional Complex

Date and Time: 02/19/2021, 1:00 PM to 2:00pm

Attendees

Lynn Barker
Karen Cain
Felix D'Allesandro
Caryl Darby
Diane Durall
Laynara Ferriera
Angela Hinton
Josephine Johnson
Stephanie Meadows
Bridget Molina
Cait Moore
Ron O'Neil
Diane Pasta
Rob Tarver
Joanne Todd
Carol Welch
Emma Westerman
Domenica Campbell
Matthias Gyde
Paige Perkinson
Karen Haydon
Mark Miller
John Padilla
Kristi Webb
Dan Allen
Kaela Chong
Terri Cohn
Kari Styles
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Eric Jackson
Elke Jackson
Jack Warner
Melida Ferrell
Kathleen Bechler
Ina McNeese

Weekly Update

Last 30 days confirmed COVID cases 168. Total number of confirmed cases 539.

Questions

Question 1

Cohort movements are creating a lot of confusion with both offenders and staff, and making both sides very frustrated, as WSR can't cohort how all this is set up due to building structure.

Answer

It has been a difficult task with a lot of moving parts, but we can cohort and work out the kinks as they arise.

Question 2

Due to new cohort schedule, medical dept. is challenged with keeping appointments and medical has to cancel because unit cohort conflict. i.e. D Unit is set for Monday and Friday and staff have shared that this is difficult if not impossible to accomplish as all medical staff and specialties are not available every day and interferes with urgent emergent medical care outside these two scheduled days.

Answer

I'm not sure which staff you are referring to, the task of cohorting in all our areas has been difficult for everyone. I have not heard complaints from either the population or our Health Services staff. Health Services kites are still collected and reviewed/triaged daily and appointments are scheduled by cohort.

Question 3

There is very limited access to law library due to cohorts which is challenging with individuals with full time jobs and callouts where the individual can't sign up do to "call out conflict" Ms. Kastle is the only person allowed to do legal copies, court e-filing and notary. D unit only gets one hour of Ms. Kastles 6 hours that she is currently working. Possible resolve within each unit a staff person who is able to make legal copies and possibly e-filing within the unit.

Answer

I've referred this to Associate Superintendent Wood as she oversees our Library Services. Individuals with scheduled hearings are still given priority access.

Question 4

The 10:50am, and 3:50pm counts are taking 30-45 minutes longer than before, and has been getting worse in the last 7 days or so.

Answer

The last few weeks during the outbreak on A/B side and previously on C/D have resulted in serious disruption of our operations and movement schedules. Most of the mass transfers between WSR, the IMU COVID Unit and the Gym have been occurring after count on shift III.

Question 5

In addition the last minutes that I have received from the LFC were dated 1/16/21. I am curious about the minutes since that time being distributed?

Answer

We have been extremely busy with the outbreak, but we did get the previous three meeting notes out this week.

Question 6

The population understands the need to cohort, but are wondering why the CO's aren't working in cohorts also. When they move in and out of different units, delivering food to work units. They have now intermixed with all the units instead of being assigned to just one unit?

Answer

Due to the large amount of officers and sergeants that have been screened out, existing staff shortages, and the building of additional posts (Block III, 3A, Gym, EFVs, and E unit) we cannot assign staff to just one location.

Question 7

This weekend the individuals on C/D units were not being let out for movements. They were told they are on limited movement with no explanation or memo. If the CO's would let them out, they would be out for a few minutes then told to yard in so they could let others out. To the individuals it felt like punishment even though they are not on quarantine status. If they are, they haven't been told anything about it.

Answer

We send messages to the population as quickly as possible, in addition, staff are advised of what is occurring.

Question 8

Are they still working on a new safe start for DOC? I know they are supposed to look into visitation again in March, but just over all safe start chart that there was before.

Answer

Safe Start will gather back together in the next month or so. I don't have dates yet of when the committee will restart, or when Visiting will reopen.

Question 9

Why was a COVID positive individual just transfer from WSR to TRU? The population was rushed back in their cells and the cleaning porters were brought out. I am concerned as there have not been positive cases at TRU recently that I know of. Can you please help me with understanding what's going on?

Answer

There was an individual at TRU yesterday that reported feeling sick. After a medical evaluation it was determined he should be placed on medical isolation, and his cell-mate placed on quarantine. The individual that reported feeling sick will have already received his first COVID test upon arrival in the IMU COVID unit. We have not transferred COVID positive individuals into TRU population.

Additional Questions

Question 1

Staff are not socially distancing themselves. What is being done about it?

Answer

We continue to monitor and if staff are not socially distancing progressive corrective action is being done and the situation is addressed.

Question 2

Why can't individuals be excused from work to have a video visit?

Answer

If the individual is working, he would have to get permission from his supervisor to be excused. We encourage video visits be scheduled around work schedules.

Question 3

With the schedule the way it is, my loved one gets his breakfast so late he doesn't have time to eat.

Answer

Please email me with the specifics and I will look into it.

Question 4

I heard that at TRU, individuals over 55 are getting their vaccines. Is this true?

Answer

Yes, the first round of vaccines for those in tier 1A received their first vaccine. Health Services manager Elke Jackson was on the call to give further information regarding the vaccine. Notice regarding the vaccinations will be distributed to the population soon.

Question 5

I am not getting my free video visit from JPay. What should I do?

Answer

Send an email to the helpdesk@jpay.com

Question 6

When I order a new jpay player, do they lose access to their other player while they are waiting for it to arrive?

Answer

No, once the new player arrives, it has to be synced and until that happens they can use their old player, there was no disruption in service

Question 7

With legislation that is occurring regarding sentence structure, is MCC doing what SCCC is in preparing for early releases?

Answer

We still continue to process release plans. When Individuals are closer to the Earned Release Date, their Counselors work with them on Release Planning.

Question 8

What is happening with Safe Start?

Answer

Safe start will regroup. I don't know when yet.

Closing Comments

Kaela Chong said they are doing a hug and a photo done by Call out and cohorts to trace their hands and make a card to send to families. We are also working on putting together bingo for the whole hill for something fun to do.

Stay safe everyone and have a nice weekend.