

# Local Family Council COVID 19 Teleconference

## Stafford Creek Correction Center

### April 8, 2020

**Facilitator:** Gina Penrose, Associate Superintendent of Programs

**Attendance:**

Caroline Melhuish – Family Services  
Joanna Carns – Director OCO  
Matthias Gyde – OCO  
Domenica Campbell – OCO  
Denise Myers – CPM Sec. Senior  
Miriam Fry – LFC Family Co-Chair  
Diane Sifres – Family Rep.  
Jeannette Revay – Family Rep.  
Loren Taylor – Family Rep.  
Katie Wilks – Family Rep.  
Crystal & James Giles – Family Rep.  
Tamara Light – Family Rep.  
Lora Dockery – Family Rep.  
Kathryn Stuart-Stevenson

Katy Tatro – LFC Facility Secretary  
Elisabeth Kingsbury – OCO  
LaQuesha Turner – OCO  
Paige Perkinson – DOC Engagement and Outreach  
Susan Cooksey – LFC State Family Rep.  
Verna Westman – Health Services Family Rep.  
Heather Dockery – Family Rep.  
Julie Triggs – Family Rep.  
Sarah Hitchcock – Family Rep.  
Bethany Duschene – Family Rep.  
Jeanna Dameron – Family Rep.  
Emily Broussard – Family Rep.  
Vanessa Lewis – LFC Family Secretary  
Joanne Barnes

**Purpose** – to get information related to the COVID 19 outbreak out to the families to help them understand the steps being taken by DOC to keep the Incarcerated Individuals safe and healthy.

**Communication** – Please continue to send any questions and/or rumors to LFC State Rep, Susan Cooksey, at [susandcooksey@frontier.com](mailto:susandcooksey@frontier.com) and she will forward them to SCCC. Our goal is to obtain answers and have them ready for the next week’s LFC teleconference.

**MCC** – Monroe has 6 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in their camp. Due to its dormitory setting, it is anticipated there will be more positive cases forthcoming.

**Testing Results –**

Total number of individuals tested: 12

Positive: 0

Negative: 12

Waiting for results: 0

Testing protocol includes an additional 14 days spent in quarantine after incarcerated individuals are asymptomatic (symptom free). **Testing numbers are ever changing and may not always match the IDOC Site.**

**Floor beds** – All MI3 (H1-H6) units have 4 identified floor beds in each unit. Usage will be as little as possible and are only being utilized to accommodate isolation & quarantine cells. All incarcerated individuals using floor beds will be moved to a bunk as soon as possible. Please note that cells are being cleaned & sanitized in between moves.

**JPay concerns** – Concerns have surfaced regarding the close proximity of the JPay machines. Options will be explored regarding a possible barrier between the 2 JPay kiosk machines in the pods of the housing units.

Another JPay concern is the delay in screening of messages. Messages are reviewed by staff Monday through Friday. The delay is due to messages from the weekend which total between 2,000 - 4,000. SCCC now have 10 additional staff (light duty or those that cannot perform regular duties) screening JPay messages to assist with these efforts. Please be patient as we are unable to adjust for the weekends.

**Channel 25 movies** – SCCC has obtained a license through September to show movies on Channel 25 of TV's in the housing units. Multi DVD players/equipment & movies/shows have been ordered to provide options and variety. Until received, films will be played on repeat for 24 hours. Movies for viewing must be rated as follows: Early Childhood, Everyone, G, Everyone 10+, Teen, PG, PG-13 or equivalent. A kiosk summarizing this information was sent out to the population today by our CPPC.

**Social Distancing** – This remains our greatest struggle. Each day staff and the incarcerated are being reminded of the 6 foot rule in distancing each other so that bottle necks do not occur. A mandatory change will be instituted on 4-9-20 as follows. When a unit is called for mainline, that unit will be celled in. One tier will be released at a time to go to mainline while the other tier will wait for the movement control officer to call movement. This information is being disseminated to staff and population.

Please encourage your loved ones to model the 6 foot rule as many of our incarcerated continue to hug, shake hands and knuckle bump. Staff are also being reminded of this daily.

#### **Updates for population -**

1. Read to me Daddy program will be back up and running. DVD's are being mailed out.
2. Increased sanitation of units to include additional mop heads, germicidal agent, rags, spray bottles, soap & paper towels per CDC for COVID 19 prevention. This includes additional workers in the units and recreation.
3. Masks are being made for all incarcerated offenders. Our goal is to have enough for all of our population by the end of next week.

4. Food services continue with grab and go lunch with hot breakfast & dinner, table number during dining reduced from 4 to 2 and lunch time reduced to 15 minutes, all to allow additional time for recreation & fresh air.
5. Programs are being reunited & reinstated to include Yoga Behind Bars & Redemption for groups of 10 or less. Religious activities are being conducted in the same fashion.
6. We are continuing to work with Medical for testing per CDC guidelines.
7. Education is working on long distance classes for next quarter and are collecting laptops now for reprogramming to accommodate as many students as possible.
8. CI are producing 1500 per day 1 time usage disposable shields for first responders & hospitals. Some of your loved ones are working on this much worthy project.
9. Teddy Bar program are currently making masks for staff and are hopeful to have 200 ready by early next week.
10. Daily Tier Rep Meetings are being conducted in Education to include one Tier Rep from each unit along with management staff. Minutes are prepared & sent out daily to the units for viewing by the population.
11. Recreation is open but limited. We are offering 3 different curio, ceramic and music rooms of up to 6 incarcerated individuals at a time.
12. We are continuing to double screen staff to maintain our 0 positive COVID-19 test results. A mask is now available for all staff which can be exchanged every 2 weeks.

### **Questions from Council Members**

Question: What is the COVID-19 testing process for the incarcerated?

Answer: For negative results and if asymptomatic (showing no symptoms), the incarcerated are quarantined for 14 additional days before being released back to general population. If symptoms continue, retesting will be done.

Question: Any questions regarding Monroe Corrections Center.

Answer: Please participate in MCC's weekly LFC teleconference or check their website for minute postings.

Question: What about transfers coming to SCCC?

Answer: There are no chains coming to SCCC until further notice except for emergent situations. However, SCCC may transfer IMU incarcerated individuals for demotions.