

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 7-1-20, 3:00-4:00pm

Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Associate Penrose, Fac. Secy Tatro, CPM Secy Rehak & ITSS K. Bradley
- DOC staff – Caroline Melhuish, Family Services
- OCO's Office – M. Gyde
- LFC Officers – State Rep Cooksey, Co-Chair Fry & Family Secy. Lewis
- Family Members – D. Sifres, J. Revay, L. Taylor, C. & J. Giles, B. Duschene & K. Stuart Stevenson

Weekly Update

1. **June 22, 2020 Use of Force incident in H4** – This UOF incident is being reviewed and investigated to ensure protocols were followed. Until the investigation is completed, it cannot be discussed.
2. **July 2, 2020 CRCC transfers to SCCC** – These incarcerated individuals are not infected, have been double negative tested, have quarantined for at least 14 days minimum and all incoming CRCC chains have been cleared before entering other facilities. All protocols have been carefully followed and as few staff as possible have been involved with these transports. In addition, all transport vehicles have been sanitized after each use; staff have used proper PPE's when around suspected cases of COVID-19 or asymptomatic individuals. All of these steps are taken for any transfers within Washington State.
3. **CePrisons kiosks in housing units** – Approximately 50% of the units' CePrisons kiosks are functioning. This should be resolved by early next week. These issues are being experienced State wide, not just at SCCC.
4. **SCCC ERT staff deployed to CRCC** - All returning SCCC ERT staff from CRCC will receive 2 COVID-19 tests and be quarantined for 14 days before entry into the facility. SCCC continues to be extra vigilant with these efforts so that COVID-19 does not enter our facility. CRCC – everyone (staff & incarcerated) has been tested and will have a second test for a double negative or positive outcome.
5. **Masks & expectations** - Captain Mainio sent a memo to all SCCC staff clarifying expectations and common misunderstandings regarding face coverings for our incarcerated. In summary, these face masks must be issued only and must have no markings or alterations on them. If a mask of this nature is discovered, it will be confiscated and another mask supplied to that incarcerated individual. There will be a verbal warning given to the incarcerated individual and a behavior observation entry (BOE) will be written, with a copy provided. If continued BOE's are written for an incarcerated individual for this reason, an infraction may be issued. Staff are being encouraged to write positive BOE's for incarcerated mask wearing in an effort to document positive findings rather than focus on those that are failing. All of SCCC's population have been given at least 3 face coverings – 1 ear loop mask and 2 bandanas with hair ties. In addition, white cloth face masks continue to be made by CI and the Clerk Pool and will continue to be provided to the housing units until all of the population have received one. The population will also be given a chance to trade in their old mask for a new one once SCCC's supply is large enough to do so.

Follow-up to last week's questions

1. Question - What is being done to resolve dirty silverware/trays?
Answer – **The FSM continues to perform spot checks and more supervision in dish tank area to ensure washing is being done correctly. It had been requested previously for the incarcerated to bring their own utensils to mainline. As SCCC doesn't allow anything to be brought into the population's dining**

area, we will stick to the rules and not permit the incarcerated to bring their own silverware into the dining area.

2. Question - Regarding K. Stuart Stevenson's issues with JPay video visits.

Answer – There is currently a customer service review regarding family member, K. Stuart Stevenson's, account to resolve. Customer service will investigate all JPay issues.

Pre-Submitted Questions

1. Question – When will the population go back to normal lunches again?

Answer – There is no date being discussed at this time for going back to a normal lunch.

2. Question – When will the weight deck reopen? When will GH go into Phase 4?

Answer – We have been directed that the weight decks are to remain closed until EOC HQ directs us to open them. This will happen statewide and won't be a reflection of Grays Harbor County, since we get visitors from all over the State and outside Washington as well. It will be at Governor Inslee's discretion as to when Grays Harbor County goes into Phase 4.

3. Question - How long will the furlough day last and will this affect Visitation when it opens back up?

Answer - Furloughs are scheduled for one day per week through July and one day per month through November, 2020. The budget will be reviewed prior to the end of this year to determine if it will be necessary for the furloughs to be extended into 2021. It is not anticipated that the furloughs will affect Visitation after it is re-opened.

Additional Questions -

Question 1

There is a rumor that SCCC staff are being permitted to "moonlight" at CRCC. Is this true?

Answer

No, several SCCC ERT staff have been deployed to CRCC to assist their facility with those staff unable to work due to positive COVID-19 testing. These staff members are working 12 hour days, 7 days per week with three (3) of them staying for a second tour. When these ERT staff members finish their deployment, they will all receive 2 COVID-19 tests and be quarantined for a 14 day span before being permitted to enter our facility.

Question 2

The bread in the lunch boats appears to be of a lesser quality than previously provided and is sometimes moldy. Can this please be looked into?

Answer

The FSM will be joining next week's teleconference and will address questions at that time.

Question 3

State Rep Cooksey brought up the mail rejections and asked for more clarification on what was considered to be permitted into the facility.

Answer

Associate Penrose visited the Mailroom and was shown some of the cards that were being rejected. Rejected cards included the following: 1) plastic – which could be removed; 2) tri-fold cards that were glued making them layered; 3) glitter – this is included as layering; 3) any card stock that has glued paper or pages is considered layered. In addition, Associate Penrose reviewed the mail log which she found to be pretty consistent with past logs.

Question 4

State Rep Cooksey had a question about a rejected book.

Answer

She will submit the title & author for Associate Penrose's review and response.

Question 5

Per J. Revay, family members are concerned about the racial tension at SCCC and assault that happened on June 22nd. Is this the only incident being investigated?

Answer

Yes, this is the only incident being investigated.

Question 6

Per B. Duschene, she is concerned with the diabetic menu to include only carrots being offered during breakfast mainline rather than celery or other vegetables that have a low glycemic index, which is preferable for diabetics.

Answer

This will be addressed by the FSM during this week's teleconference.

Question 7

There was dried food left on the silverware/trays from last Sunday's chili both on the following Monday & Tuesday. How is it possible to clean/sanitize the dishes using the 3 step process?

Answer

This will be addressed by the FSM during this week's teleconference.

Question 8

Per B. Duschene, when the Porters use the Hepastat spray to disinfect the tables in the dayroom, there has been no wiping down after the 10 minute resting time. This leaves a sticky film on the tables. Can this be passed along to the units so that the process is being done correctly?

Answer

This information was passed along to the unit CUS's from CPM Bohon to address with their unit Porters.

Question 9

Per K. Stuart Stevenson, with regard to the dirty silverware/trays, can SCCC purchase a commercial dishwasher? If this is not possible due to budgetary concerns, can the families get an estimate on what one would cost to see if they could possibly help in purchasing one?

Answer

This will be addressed by the FSM during this week's teleconference.

Question 10

Per D. Sifres, when can the Pastors be allowed back into the facility?

Answer

In an effort to keep COVID-19 from entering the facility, we are allowing as few people inside as possible. This will be revisited in the future.

Question 11

Per K. Stuart Stevenson, can rapid re-entry be reestablished?

Answer

This would be up to Governor Inslee to address.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT

Per Family Co-Chair Fry, there continues to be many issues with the sign in process for our weekly teleconferences. These issues make it difficult for the families to get on the conference call and participate. It would be wonderful if these issues could be resolved.

Comments/Closing

Please continue to send questions every Monday by 10:00am to Susan Cooksey at susandcooksey@frontier.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note some changes to our weekly call in information:

SCCC's IT Department has set up these calls in a way that helps track participants. To join by phone, call (360) 407-3825 and enter conference ID: 20223028. After entering your contact information, JUST HIT # TO BYPASS THE PIN. It is not mandatory to identify yourself; roll will be taken. Please ensure that you mute yourself when you are not speaking.