

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 7/15/2020, 3:00pm

Attendees

- SCCC Staff: Associate Penrose, Fac. Secretary Tatro, CPM Bohon & CPM Secy. Rehak
- OCO's office: M. Gyde
- LFC Officers: SFC Rep Cooksey, Family Co-chair Fry & Family Secy. Lewis
- Family members – D. Sifres, J. Revay, J. Triggs, L. Taylor, S. Hitchcock, V. Westman, B. Duschene, K. Stuart Stevenson

Weekly Update - None

Pre-Submitted Questions – None

Additional Questions

Question 1

Per D. Sifres, is there any idea of when Visitation will resume and what it might look like for the family members?

Answer

SCCC has not been given a directive from HQ yet regarding opening Visitation; however, it would be prudent to start reviewing all aspects of this to include future plans. This will be a statewide decision and will NOT be based on which phase our county is in, but rather which phase DOC will be in pursuant to Governor Inslee's 4 Phase plan. The below are suggestions to consider prior to reopening the Visit Room.

A discussion ensued with the family members, who gave these ideas for consideration:

1. Prescheduling by phone like EFV protocol;
2. Daily visits made by appointment, possibly 2 days in a row for those who travel a considerable distance;
3. With Summer weather upon us, family visit with loved one inside the fences with family member in parking lot. (Family members on the phone were informed that this is not an option at SCCC).

****These ideas will be presented to the ICP for review/consideration at future LFC teleconference****

Question 2

Per L. Taylor, asked on behalf of the family members regarding the possibility of donating movies for viewing on Channel 25, as well as other items that would benefit our population. Donation ideas presented by the family members today include:

1. Ice cream/outdoor event for population;
2. Dishwasher for Food Services;
3. Movies donated to population for viewing on Channel 25 and during future EFV's.

Answer

Associate Penrose stated that any donated movie would need to meet the criteria for approved protocol via the Swank list, which is used to approve EFV movies. ****These ideas will be presented to the ICP for review/consideration at future LFC teleconference****

Question 3

Per S. Hitchcock, has there been a confirmation on who will be getting the contract for JPay?

Answer

Associate Penrose states that we have no word on this yet but expect to receive information in the near future. L. Taylor commented that this will likely be done the 1st of the year and is in the negotiation phase. **SFC Rep Cooksey informed the group that this will be discussed at the SFC meeting this coming Saturday, July 18th**

Question 4

Per S. Hitchcock, JPay video visits continue to freeze up. Specifically, this was the JPay kiosk in H1 A pod, #021.

Answer

Associate Penrose will forward this information to JPay for resolution. **This was submitted to Jpay customer service on Wednesday immediately after the LFC meeting**

Question 5

We heard that there is an incarcerated individual from H5 that has symptoms. Can more information be provided on this?

Answer

On July 14th, the H5 individual was placed into G unit ISO due to experiencing symptoms. Due to having contact with the ISO placement, five (5) others were placed into G unit quarantine. The first test has been taken with no results yet. As of today (7-15), we have 2 in ISO and 6 (includes cellmate) in quarantine. The quarantined individuals will remain in G unit until either the 14 days have passed or when double negative testing has been done on ISO individual.

Question 6

The families heard that SCCC had a placement from Walla Walla this week. What protocol is followed when transfers occur?

Answer

The protocol for any transfer is as follows:

1. Each transfer is cleared prior to leaving their home facility.
2. All transfers have to be at minimum 2 weeks symptom free, have their temperature taken & checked for symptoms prior & during transfer process.
3. Masks are worn by all incarcerated individuals travelling, as well as PPE worn by staff.
4. Upon arrival, individuals are checked again for symptoms and have temperature taken.
5. Individuals do not need to be quarantined again at SCCC as this process has already taken place prior to transfer.

Question 7

Per K. Stuart Stevenson, have there been additional transfers to SCCC from CRCC?

Answer

Associate Penrose states she does not have that information to discuss.

K. Stuart Stevenson commented that she would feel more comfortable if all incoming transfers were quarantined again as a safety net.

Question 8

Per J. Triggs, as Summer is upon us, is there a possibility that the visitor can remain in the parking lot and their loved one be allowed to visit but on the other side of the fence within the facility?

Answer

6. Associate Penrose commented that this has not been considered and would be difficult to accomplish as SCCC's parking lot is very far away from the units. (Family members on the phone were informed that this is not an option at SCCC).

J. Triggs also commented she is hopeful that the transfer process is being adhered to and properly followed all transfers into our facility.

Comments/Closing

- A reminder by SFC Rep. Cooksey that this Saturday (7-18-20) will be the first virtual SFC meeting. Call-in information has been sent to the family members who wish to participate. If you didn't receive this communication, please send Susan an email to susandcooksey@frontier.com. During the meeting, the below items will be addressed:
 1. GTL & JPay contracts;
 2. Mattresses; and
 3. Updated Visitation policy