

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 9-9-20

Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Associate Penrose, IT4 Bradley & AA3 Tatro
- LFC Officers: State Rep Susan Cooksey
- Family members – Diane Sifres, Jeanette Revay, Diane Web Cristelli, Sarah Hitchcock, Bethany Duschene, Heather Dockery, Kathryn Stuart Stevenson & Susan Wade

Weekly Updates

- **CRCC** – As of 9-4-20, CRCC has 0 active COVID-19 cases. Because of this, the previously imposed requirement of double negative test results for I/I's (incarcerated individuals) and 14 day quarantine, transferring out of CRCC is rescinded and no longer necessary. If there are any changes in the future, notification will be made.
- **Our current numbers are:**
 - 1– COVID positive (Green Hill I/I never in general population at SCCC)
 - 1 – ISO (waiting on 1st test results)
 - 2 – Quarantine (1st negative test & waiting on 2nd)
 - 1 – Separation Tier (Green Hill I/I)

Pre-Submitted Questions –

Question 1

How long does it take for an incarcerated individual's personal property to catch up to them?

Answer

As SCCC is only receiving 2 chain buses per month due to COVID-19 and 2 boxes of personal property is allowed per I/I on the chain bus, property gets issued in about 1-2 weeks. As we do not have the storage in our Property Room, Property staff work hard to get the property boxes sent out ASAP.

Question 2

Is SCCC moving more people to camps (that have reduced their populations) to reduce SCCC's population?

Answer

Not to reduce the population, but rather to help I/I's with re-entry, camp is the next stage of incarceration.

Question 3

What is the COVID protocol before incarcerated individuals are transported?

Answer

To further reduce risks associated with routine transportation, additional safety measures have been implemented to further protect employees and those individuals we transport. All transports will be conducted with the following PPE:

Transportation Employees

- Eye Protection
- Surgical Masks
- Gloves

Incarcerated/Supervised Individuals

- Surgical Masks

In addition, questions are asked with regard to specific symptoms and temperatures are taken in Health Services before sending out with transport staff.

Question 4

Guys are paying to download music and then the music isn't downloading to the JPay, what is being done about this?

Answer

The issue with the error message when attempting to purchase music has been resolved early this week. If they are still getting an error message, I will need some inmate examples so we can investigate. To add, the funds that the incarcerated receives from the families goes to their media account which can be used for any media purchases not just music.

Question 5

People are still being charged for video visits when they are supposed to be getting 2 free ones. Complaints to JPay aren't rectifying the situation. What can be done by SCCC?

Answer

To obtain the 2 free visits per week, the families have to schedule their 2 visits within the same week to receive the credits. Many are using the visits within different weeks so they will not receive both of the credits per week. This was sent in the announcement to the families, but they can contact customer service if they have any additional questions.

Question 6

Please continue to update us on the COVID-19 statistics.

Answer

SCCC currently has one positive case that transferred in from Green Hill, we also have one individual awaiting results from a first test and two individuals that tested negative on the first test, awaiting results on the second test.

SCCC will begin Serial Staff Testing next Wednesday and these tests will happen on a weekly basis ongoing. The end of serial testing has not yet been determined.

Question 7

Vanessa Lewis our LFC Secretary wanted to know how she can donate used books to the law library or library.

Answer

Across the state there are only a few vendors that are allowed to donate books to the prisons. DOC quit taking donations from private individuals.

Participant Questions –

A note from Kathryn Stuart Stevenson - The first two pre-submitted questions were from me and the reason for asking is because my son was recently sent to WCC's receiving center before being transferred to camp at CCCC. This will be my last teleconference as I will be joining CCCC's LFC. Thank you to everyone for their comments and efforts involved with putting on the LFC teleconferences.

Question 1

Per S. Wade, does SCCC actually have LFC unit reps in place?

Answer

Yes, one LFC unit Rep was chosen for each unit with the exception of F unit/IMU.

Question 2

Per S. Wade, can you explain what the separation tier is and who goes there?

Answer

The Separation Tier is used for individuals coming from the jails, any non-DOC facilities, or community violators. Since their protocols are different than DOC's, we immediately house them in our Separation Tier in SEG (F unit) so that they do not come into contact with our population. If we receive an individual from one of our facilities, we are confident with our protocols and processes and house them applicably. Protocols have become more defined since the COVID-19 outbreak at CRCC, so these are the protocols all facilities follow state wide.

Question 3

Per S. Wade, JPay states that SCCC hasn't received approval for a JPay Technician to come to SCCC. Is this correct?

Answer

A JPay Rep came to the facility yesterday to visit the units and work on hardware issues. Adjustments were made to the cameras for the video visits, some keyboards were changed out and handsets replaced.

Comments/Closing – Thank you everyone for your participation in today's call. As a reminder, there will be an upcoming State Family Council Skype meeting on September 19th for those that wish to participate. State Rep Susan Cooksey will send out a link to everyone so they can participate if they wish. As always, if you have questions to submit for our weekly teleconference, please submit to State Rep Cooksey at susandcooksey@frontier.com by noon on Mondays.