

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** Stafford Creek Corrections Center

**Date and Time:** 9-16--20

## Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Associate Penrose, Associate Van Ogle - ICP, IT4 Bradley & AA3 Tatro
- Other DOC staff – Caroline Melhuish, Family Services; Paige Perkinson – HQ
- LFC Officers: State Rep Susan Cooksey; Co-Chair Miriam Fry & Secretary Vanessa Lewis
- Family members – Diane Sifres, Verna Westman, Jeannette Revay, Jeanna Dameron, Bethany Duschene, Diane Webb Cristelli, Julie Triggs, Heather Dockery, Susan Wade, David & Katherine Kaiser

## WEEKLY UPDATES:

1. **Air quality** - On 9-11-20 SCCC was forced to close our outside yards and limit outdoor time for the population, except for allowing unit gardeners to water their gardens twice daily in addition to regular movement. On 9-15-20 the air quality was very bad, so the yards got shut down and mainline was replaced with feeding in the units. Today the air quality is less than 200, so at 10:00am we opened the yards and will feed the population dinner via mainline.
2. **Email to LFC families/officers RE: 2021 election** - Yesterday Katy sent out an email to all LFC members summarizing our 3 officer positions, along with providing policy information regarding election terms. The deadline for submission will be September 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to difficulties that can occur, ballots will be made ahead of time and emailed for voting. We will do our best to ensure equal and fair voting; however, our office is always open to suggestions. If you have any ideas to share, please forward them to Susan Cooksey at [susandcooksey@frontier.com](mailto:susandcooksey@frontier.com).
3. **Updated Recreation Protocol** – On 9-11-20 DOC HQ sent out an Updated Recreation Protocol to the facility. Prohibited activities include: basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball and racquetball. Approved activities include: horseshoes, pickle ball, handball, ping pong, corn hole, push up paddles, ab wheels, exercise mats, medicine balls, jump ropes, Frisbees, fitness machines, pull-up and dip bars, hacky sack and billiards. This opens up additional activities we weren't having before. All activities listed are not allowed state wide.
4. **Staff Serial Testing** – We began our staff serial testing for COVID-19 today and we have tested 371 staff members. New testing numbers will be available for next week's meeting.
5. **SCCC'S CURRENT COVID-19 NUMBERS:**
  - 2 – ISO
  - 0 – Quarantine
  - 3 – Intake Separation Tier

## Pre-Submitted Questions –

### Question 1

Can the population use their t-shirts over nose/mouth as HQ mandates a face covering, not a mask, even if it's done infrequently?

## Answer

No, all incarcerated individuals are to use either the bandanas provided by HQ or the white, cloth masks provided to the units, as appropriate face coverings. Anytime an I/I (incarcerated individual) doesn't have a face mask, that individual should ask unit staff for a replacement. All units are stocked and able to provide additional masks if needed.

## Question 2

Can the population please receive an update on EFV's?

## Answer

There will be no EFV's until DOC is in Phase 4. Currently, DOC is in Phase 1.

## Participant Questions –

### Question 1

Per Diane Sifres, when attempting to put money on my son's account for GTL, the line goes dead. I've tried several times, but cannot add money to his account.

## Answer

Our office will send an email today to our GTL staff liaison for resolution and we will provide an answer as soon as possible. \*\*GTL responded to the email asking for Diane's phone number and the matter was quickly resolved.

### Question 2

Per Diane Sifres, how many jobs have been lost due to COVID-19?

## Answer

I don't have an exact number, but can say that CI has had a large reduction and Food Services had to reduce their numbers due to the cramped quarters in the Kitchen, as well as cohorting crews to prevent the spread of the virus should it enter the facility. We have; however, increased our numbers for custodial positions to include additional porters in the units and in Recreation to wipe down the equipment.

**Statement by Susan Cooksey** – Susan Wade will be sending me her list of JPay contacts and I will send those out to everyone. \*\*Contact info. for JPay:

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### Question 3

Per Jeanna Dameron, will the regular LFC meeting be onsite?

## Answer

No. It will be held on Wednesday, 10-14-20, during our normal call-in time and using the same number. Our regular LFC meetings include presentations by area staff as well as questions and answers to include COVID related issues.

#### Question 4

Per Susan Wade, with regards to prohibited & approved Recreation activities, which activities are running at SCCC?

#### Answer

Approved Recreation activities currently being offered at SCCC are: horseshoes, pickle ball, handball, ping pong, corn hole, push up paddles, ab wheels, exercise mats, medicine balls, jump ropes, Frisbees, fitness machines, pull-up and dip bars. Hacky sack and billiards ARE NOT offered at SCCC. **NOTE: All fitness equipment listed above is wiped down after each usage.**

#### Question 5

Per Susan Wade, are any of the current LFC officers planning on running for another term?

#### Answer

Vanessa Lewis states she would like to run for her 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Family Secretary; Susan Cooksey states she would like to run for her last year (3<sup>rd</sup> term) as State Rep and Miriam Fry states she would like to run for her 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Family Co-Chair; however, as this position is open to all, she encourages any family member to self-nominate if interested.

#### Question 6

Per David Kaiser, who is the point of contact (POI) at the facility for income services?

#### Answer

The POI will be Associate Penrose. Please send email to Associate Penrose at [gkpenrose@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:gkpenrose@doc1.wa.gov) and she will provide follow-up.

A word from Julie Triggs: I would like to thank Gina for listening to our requests and for her prompt answers. In a previous meeting, I shared that my husband was not happy with cohorting the incarcerated individuals (I/I's). However, I was able to voice my opinion on the matter and things have calmed down. I appreciate our incarcerated receiving very limited outside air with the poor air quality right now. I also appreciate all of your hard work in putting these meetings together every week.

#### Question 7

Per Diane Sifres, how often does staff serial testing occur?

#### Answer

Staff serial testing began today and will go through this Friday, 9-18-20. Staff are assigned a weekly testing day. We will continue with staff serial testing until told otherwise.

#### Question 8

Per Bethany Duschene, what date & time will our October meeting be?

#### Answer

October 14, 2020 at 3:00pm, same call-in information

### Question 9

Per Julie Triggs, with regard to staff serial testing, are they using the nasal swabs, how is the collection being done and what lab is SCCC using?

#### Answer

The actual staff member will be given the swab of which the container is opened by one of the staff testers wearing gloves (gloves are changed out in between each person), then the staff member will swab each nostril and place the swab back into the container, which is collected and sent out daily to Northwest Labs. Turn-around time for testing should be around 2 days, but is dependent upon how busy the lab is. If a test is positive, that staff member is notified and quarantined for a 14 day minimum, then contacted by a secondary screener before being approved to return to work. We have a mapping team in place who are working full-time on-site Monday through Friday. They are responsible for identifying any I/I who has symptoms or who has been in close contact with another I/I or staff member with COVID like symptoms.

### Question 10

Per Susan Wade, does DOC see a Phase 2 in the distance and what will Visitation look like when it is re-instated?

#### Answer

I do not have the information to answer that question at the moment. There will be a SFC meeting this Saturday, 9-19-20, and I anticipate either details or some type of clarification should take place at the meeting. I can say for certain that DOC is currently in Phase 1, which includes all counties, and DOC will act in unison for all facilities in terms of re-instating Visitation.

**Comments/Closing** – Thank you everyone for your participation in today’s call and for working together as a team to communicate and resolve issues. Your input is invaluable and is greatly appreciated.