

Statewide Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

**Some questions were grouped together as they were asked by more than one person.
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Call Details

Facility: Statewide Family Council
Date and Time: 07/23/2021, 2:00PM

Attendees

- Jeneva Cotton, DOC co-chair; Rhonda Roberts; Arminda Miller; Dawn Taylor
- Loren Taylor, Family co-chair
- AHCC – Rachel Bisbee
- MCC – Felix D’Allesandro
- SCCC – Susan Cooksey
- WSP – Wendy Dubinsky

Pre-Submitted Questions

There were no pre-submitted questions

Discussion

1. Arminda shared updates to the Safe Start Plan that were provided in the July 15th Interested Parties memo (<https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/docs/2021-0715-all-interested-parties-memo-updated-safe-start-corrections-plan.pdf>) that had been sent out, and answered specific questions related to visiting, such as how the Rapid Antigen Test process works, vending machines are still closed, and pictures would not be allowed yet. Also reiterated the children’s area will remain closed, and no games due to sanitation timeframes. Table coloring activity should be available. Children’s and adult surgical masks will be provided. Corrections will continue to assess for adjustments as we continue to respond to COVID-19 in congregate living. Arminda shared the Centers for Disease Control for congregate living recommendations to lift a mitigating option, observe and then either re-implement or move to another to lift if appropriate. This removal of a one-layer-at-a-time approach is what we are doing in Washington State DOC. Discussed the feedback for the scheduling tool and shared what cluster testing is.
2. Clarified that Extended Family Visit scheduling will resume at local facilities on September 1.
3. For more information about the Safe Start Plan, please see <https://www.doc.wa.gov/docs/publications/100-SP015.pdf>.

Comments/Closing

- Next SFC COVID Informational Call: **August 27, 2021 at 2:00 PM**