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Call Details

Facility: Statewide Family Council

Date and Time: 2/11/2022, 2:00PM

Attendees

- DOC: Jeffrey Uttecht, Caroline Melhuish, Jamie Dolan, Don Holbrook, Heather Williams, Arminda Miller, Lisa Flynn, Bruce Wood, Daniel Armbruster, Jeannie Darneille, Eric Jackson, Jason Bennett, Ramona Cravens
- Anna Ivanov – SCCC Representative
- Elise McKinnon – SFC Co-Secretary
- Felix D’Allesandro – WCC Representative
- Loretta Pederson - WSP Representative
- Gwen McIlveen – CRCC Representative

Weekly Update

- No old business.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

Why can we not have staff be in the appropriate PPE to ensure that they are not spreading it?

Answer

Staff are required to wear appropriate PPE and are monitored by administrative personnel to ensure compliance. The Department has created new positions at each facility as Safety Compliance Managers that are out in the facilities addressing issues, conducting training, and assessing needs. Any non-compliance is dealt with immediately through corrective or disciplinary action.

Question 2

Why can't we go back to how it was done the first time with the "Q" on the doors and everyone else getting a rotation of fresh air etc.? How it's being done now is simply a punishment and inhumane

Answer

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are temporarily moved to medical isolation areas that are separated from quarantined areas. Most quarantined individuals are able to stay in their usual living unit. It is when individuals are at a higher risk for becoming positive that they are then moved to single cell quarantine areas. For example, if an individual has a cell mate who tests positive for COVID-19, they are then moved to quarantine in a single cell area. This protects individuals in the living unit who are not positive for COVID-19 and better allows clinical teams to monitor positive individuals.

Question 3

How do those who have tested negative get out of the quarantine unit they are in?

Answer

The entire cohort must have two negative tests before they can be removed from quarantine. If one person in the cohort tests positive, the wait time resets. This is why the cohort groups are smaller to reduce the impact to large groups of individuals.

Question 4

What do the numbers have to be in order for us to get off the state ide outbreak status and for the lock down to be lifted?

Answer

There is no statewide outbreak status; outbreak status occurs on a facility-by-facility basis based on the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases. These are defined as:

Limited Area Outbreak

- i. Two or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in incarcerated individuals occurring within 14 days who reside in the same living area or work release **OR**
- ii. One or more confirmed cases of COVID in an incarcerated individual **AND** one or more confirmed cases of COVID in staff or volunteers working in proximity to the incarcerated individual case/cases occurring within 14 days.

Facility Wide Outbreak

- i. Two or more Limited Area Outbreaks that are connected, occurring simultaneously in the same facility.

Facilities that meet the definition for facility wide outbreak, enter into restricted movement to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. Facilities are able to come off of facility wide outbreak status when 14 days go by with no positive COVID-19 tests from incarcerated or staff. Each facility works closely with headquarters clinical staff to determine outbreak status and when it is safe to lift a designated outbreak status.

Question 5

Can DOC do better than allowing 30 people in a yard that can accommodate 800 people on a good day? Who is overseeing the facility schedules like the one attached Please look at H5 unit - 30 people at a time result in others having yard time once in 3-4 days and even that is relying on meals not being delayed because as you can see at the top "No recreation during mainline" essentially saying - you are not even guaranteed yard once in 4 days. I know DOC can do better. Can HQ experts please assist? (see attachment A)?

Answer

As noted above, the cohort groups are kept small to reduce impacts to large groups of individuals if positive tests occur within the cohort. One positive test resets a quarantine group, so while the positive moves to isolation all others in the quarantine cohort reset to require two negative tests. The smaller groups reduce the impact to those in these situations which also increases the size of individual rotations for recreation outside the units.

Question 6

Can we also request for the Director of Human Centered Services to be on this call? How is he advising the prison? We can only blame things on CDC and DOH so much. A lot of what is done inside has nothing to do with CDC guidelines and have very much to do with DOC management of the prisons in times of crisis. Please invite all relevant parties to the call.

Answer

Mr. Poulos is actively working with our staff to provide his insights on Department challenges and will be invited to attend these meetings.

Question 7

And just for everyone's information, today I was informed that appointments with mental health professionals are on hold until the quarantine is over. Please add this to my list of questions. If mental health staff cannot help during this time when they are needed the most, we have serious issues. "Your health and safety are our top priority"?

Answer

Mental Health staff are performing rounds at every facility typically 2-3 times a week through quarantine and isolation units. If an individual appears to be in crisis, they are removed from their cell so MH staff can conduct a personal assessment. Regular therapy sessions have paused while individuals are in quarantine/isolation only.

Question 8

What has DOC done to calculate and track the detriments to the incarcerated caused by the COVID quarantine and isolation protocols? And how does it communicate those detriments to DOC clinical, DOH, and CDC to ensure that protocols minimize harms?

Answer

We continue to use our Resolution Program to afford our incarcerated population a voice to share concerns, complaints and recommended resolutions to current conditions and operations. Trends and data compiled through this program is shared with leadership at facilities and Headquarters to take action or improve communication where appropriate and possible.

Question 9

Is DOC aware that CI is failing to comply with the nutritional requirements of Executive Order 13-06 (and its companion DOH Healthy Nutrition Guidelines for Institutions) in mainline meals during this pandemic? Baloney sandwiches and an increased quantity of beans do not meet the nutritional requirements, nor the nutritional variety requirements. This is especially problematic for people stuck in IMU with no other food source possible.

Answer

The State Dietary Manager assists in product review, approvals for substitution items, and planning for medical diets. At all locations, food service teams are working diligently to ensure daily nutritional needs are met, to include fruit and vegetable servings to best meet DGA requirements. Department of Corrections (DOC) continues to experience shortages such as Correctional Industries (CI) food workers,

department staff and vendor issues that can impact timing and quality of food service. Here are some of the steps we are taking to address food in our facilities.

- Most food service operations will be purchasing additional durable compartment trays and thermal carriers to better support mealtimes in these areas.
- Corrections has diverted staff from non-essential operations and provided additional department staff resources to ensure food delivery continues.
- Food Service Administration is working with National Food Vendors on a daily basis to procure alternative ‘ease-of-use’ food items to assist the meal plans developed/directed by the local incident command teams.
- Measures have been taken at locations that have experienced long wait times and cooled food to prevent those circumstances from happening again.
- At all locations, food services teams are working diligently to ensure all daily nutritional needs are met

Question 10

What specific protocols, if any, has DOC revised after learning what did not work well, or what caused excessive unintended detriments, during last year's outbreaks?

Answer

The phased staffing protocol has helped to bring staff back to the workplace with testing protocols to help manage the operations. This will help with activities outside of cells. The goal is to get people to the program and activities the best we can based on their ISO/Quarantine status. The issue with this current outbreak is all areas of DOC have been impacted with covid and it has extremely difficult on resources we have shared in the past to continue to support operations.

We continue protective cohorting, improved testing protocols (use of RAT and PCR), mandatory vaccinations for staff, use of PPE (gloves, mask, face shield, don/doff in high-risk areas), surgical masking vs. cloth, vaccinations and boosters for incarcerated, etc.

Question 11

The number of Prisoners who have tested positive within the last thirty days are noted on the DOC website. Why is this information not provided for staff?

Answer

Between the 30-day period of January 9, 2022, and February 8, 2022, there have been 1330 employee positive cases reported. HQ is working on making this available on the DOC website. Total number of confirmed cases is provided [COVID-19 Data | Washington State Department of Corrections](#)

Question 12

They only report the number of people who've had "at least one" vaccination. They need to change that to

1. Number fully vaccinated
2. Number boosted

Answer

Counts of **DOC administered** vaccine as of this Monday.

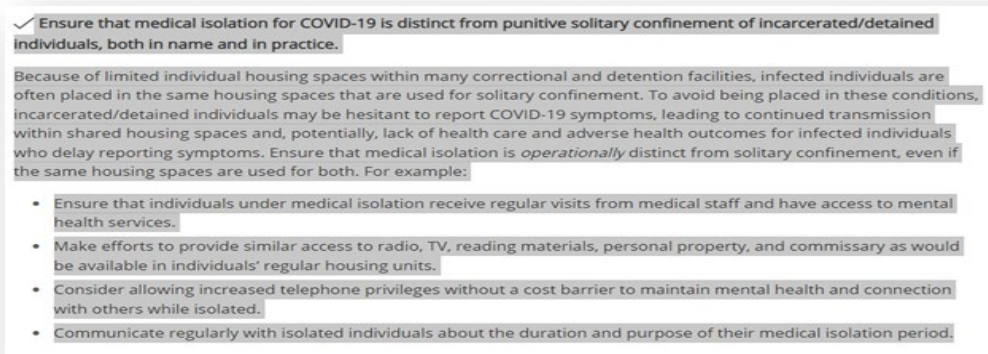
Fully Vaccinated Incarcerated Individuals: **9377**

Booster Dose Administered: **Approximately 1800**

Please note that not all booster doses were given to those who were fully vaccinated by DOC. They were also given to those who came fully vaccinated in the community.

Question 13

Seems like DOC is picking and choosing which CDC Guidelines to follow (per the below – taken from guidelines sent out by Lisa)



Answer

In an effort to keep medical quarantine and isolation distinct from “solitary confinement” facilities provide:

- Out of cell time with cohort groups where access to showers, phones, JPay, and institutional kiosks are accessible. They can get supplies from staff, process legal mail, etc.
- Outdoor movements occur where appropriate to grab mainline food and access outdoor recreation yards, working into schedules as much as possible.

Additional points:

- Operations include weekly rounds completed by mental health staff and Religious Coordinators as well as, classification personnel.
- Many units have rolling carts with reading materials and puzzle pages are provided through the CPPC staff. A large IIBF purchase of additional TVs has occurred with an expected arrival in approximately 3 weeks. Goodie bags including food items and coffee are in the process of being passed out. Hygiene gifts are being ordered for every individual through IIBF.

Additional Questions/Comments

- Question: How is it decided who is on these calls?
 - They were asked to assist with the call as they are the subject matter experts in their area of expertise.
- Question: Why can't DOC make it so incarcerated individuals can get outside to yard [more]?
 - It is due to a multitude of scheduling that has to happen with co-horting: Showers, meals, medical checks, phone conversations, etc. All of which includes the yard.
- Questions: Who is creating the protocols? Who is on the ICP committee?

- DOC protocols regarding Covid come from the CDC. The ICP (Incident Command Post) are staff at each facility who help manage the process, which include medical staff, prison leadership, mental health, and prison operational staff.
- Comments: The Protocols are not working & need to be redone. Nothing is being done in the IMU. The detrimental effects on the incarcerated individuals have not been taken into account.
- Question: How are we getting in front of this? What is DOC doing to get back to visitation open?
 - DOC is evaluating visitation on a daily basis.
 - DOC is working to correct previous issues.
- Families would like a risk analysis of the choices being made.

Closing

Thank you for coming. The next meeting will be Friday, February 18, 2022, at 2:00 pm. Please submit your questions to Ramona Cravens by Wednesday morning, February 16, 2022.

REC AND MAINLINE SCHEDULE 2022 NO RECREATION DURING MAINLINE

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1000-1100		H1 035-053	H1 054-068		H3A Lower	H3B Lower		H5 103-121	H5 122-136		H1 054-068	H1 069-083		H3B Lower	H4A Upper		H5 122-136	H6A Upper		H1 069-083	H1 084-102
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1430-1530		H1 103-121	H1 122-136		H4A Lower	H4B Lower		H6A Lower	H6B Lower		H1 122-136	H2A Upper		H4B Lower	H5 001-015		H6B Lower	GB		H2A Upper	H2B Upper
1830-1930		H2A Upper	H2B Upper		H5 001-015	H5 016-034		GB	GD		H2B Upper	H2A Lower		H5 016-034	H5 035-053		GD	GC		H2A Lower	H2B Lower
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