Weekly Update at the time of the call.

- WCC is on outbreak status
- WCC has seen an increase of positive cases throughout the facility.
  - 56 active positive cases
  - 78 total cases in isolation
  - 620 on quarantine
  - 121 Intake separation
  - A large number of positive individuals came in from around the state and moved into the intake/separation units
- WCC has increased our COVID testing
  - 179 pending results
  - 678 positive cases around the state
- Unit specific information:
  - R3 Quarantine start date is 09/09/21
  - Evergreen – First round of negatives. If 2\textsuperscript{nd} round is negative, Evergreen should come off of quarantine on the 24\textsuperscript{th}.
  - R6 has no new positive cases.
  - Cedar – No positive cases. Will be retested on the 13\textsuperscript{th}. 
Pre-Submitted Questions

1. How come the staff isn’t being rapid tested, but the families who come to visit are?
   Answer: Melinda Kupers – CPM
   The testing guidelines is once a week for serial testing. If a person is out on annual leave or absent from the facility, they get tested when they return to work and then are tested on their regular day from then on.

2. Don’t you think it would be best to start giving your staff rapid test as it appears, they are the ones bringing Covid into the facility?
   Answer: Melinda Kupers – CPM
   In order to require staff to rapid test it would require a medical order by a physician.

3. What is the status of the current outbreak and how much longer will our loved ones have to quarantine? I feel like the families and loved ones are being punished because the staff isn’t making sure they are following the correct procedures to ensure they are protecting our loved ones.
   Answer: Melinda Kupers – CPM
   Lt. Brooks and Jessica Lapraim did a great job answering this question previously.

Additional Questions

1. Reschedule visits from September for Evergreen?
   Answer: Mindy Kupers – CPM
   Each week C/O Daggett will contact families about the people that can be rescheduled. They will be able to reschedule on Evergreen’s day when it is cancelled if there is room.

2. Is there a way we can fix incoming so this stops happening? If Cedar is negative, can they go to work and recreation?
   Answer: Dan White - Superintendent
   We continue to look at intake separation. We do have systems in place. Cedar is continuing to program in a limited capacity. They are currently working. Those in the gym are unable to go back to work. Indoor recreation has been suspended.

3. Restricted movement letter didn’t out to the families until yesterday?
   Answer: Melinda Kupers – CPM
   It was thought that the memo regarding the outbreak status for WCC would have been added to the DOC webpage, but we heard yesterday that it wasn’t posted. We then sent it out yesterday to the LFC group. We will assure they go out in a timely manner for future updates.

4. Is this the regular COVID or Delta variant?
   Answer: Lt. Shawn Brooks
   There are many variants floating around. Additional tests would be done at the lab level and not DOC. We don’t have any information on what variant we have.

5. You don’t know which variant?
   Answer: Lt. Shawn Brooks
   No, we just know that they are positive.
Comments/Closing:
Superintendent Dan White:
Our Rapid Deployment Care Facility (RDCF) has been set up in the small yard. It replaces the one that was in the chapel. It is a large tent, but there is plenty of room for recreation. We are doing everything we can do to keep everyone safe. This variant is super contagious, and we don’t have a choice who we get from the courts.

Melinda Kupers: Visiting is shut down again. Hoping we can get this under control again and we can get visiting up and running again. I am glad we had the opportunity to give you updates and hope to see you at the next meeting.

Please see the DOC webpage for additional information.
https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/incarceration/visiting/prison-visits.htm#efv

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