Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details
Facility: WCC
Date and Time: 02/10/22, 1:00 pm
Next Meeting: 02/17/22, 1:00 pm

Attendees
- Melinda Kupers, Dean Mason, Ruby William, Jay Jackson, Justin Wozab, Monica Ritter, Rachel Stenberg, Page Perkinson, Haji Aulakh, Aundrea Lund, Christopher Poulos
- Amy Miller, Carol Welch, Curt Schindler, Emijah Smith, Felix D’Allesandro, Wendy Schindler, Jasmine Bernardez

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1
In addition to rapid testing, what is DOC doing to keep the virus under control?

Answer
We are following CDC Guidelines, vaccinating I/I, ensuring masks are worn properly, and social distancing co-horted movements. Testing I/I population every 3 to 4 days. Quarantine and isolating as needed to limit the spread. We are more stringent in the community due to not being in a dormitory setting. Though there may be changes to come in the community, this does not mean the facility will follow the new guidelines right away.

Question 2
Who is the direct person in charge of closing and reopening visits/EFV’s? - This is a decision made under Safe Start Corrections.

Answer
Lisa Flynn is the Program Administrator for visiting.

Question 3
Will those who had scheduled EFV’s prior to the suspension have priority for rescheduling when the suspension is lifted?

Answer
Yes, we will start with those that had their visits cancelled.

Question 4
Since Sargent Morris is no longer with WCC, who is the new visiting Sargent and who is scheduling EFV’s? Can we please get their contact info?

Answer
At this time, we do not have a visit Sgt. I will have more information at the March 17th meeting.
Additional Questions

Question 1
How is the cancellation process going to work for EFV’s? Will someone be reaching out to me via phone, email?
Answer
Kupers said that she will ensure everyone with an EFV scheduled is notified of the change.

Question 2
Are there guidelines for COVID once they have recovered how soon they can get a booster?
Answer
6 months after their second dose of the vaccine they can get a booster. It does not matter if they are recently COVID recovered. Mass clinic for boosters will start next week. Medical will work with working I/I’s to make sure that those that want boosters get them as well.

Question 3
People can’t be tested again until 90 days after, they were positive.
Answer
This is correct, they will need to wait to test again until 90 days after they are COVID recovered.

Additional Information

Felix said that Lisa Flynn sent out an email that IBF funds will go to purchasing televisions for those in quarantine. Dean Mason has logistics concerns on how that will work for the receiving units but believes this could work for R6 (Pine Hall). Will be discussed further at statewide family council meeting tomorrow.

Comments/Closing

• Pre-Submitted questions – Please have your questions in on Wednesday at 3 pm.
• Frequently Asked Questions from the Office of Corrections Ombuds: Office of Corrections Ombuds | Washington State Department of Corrections
• https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/default.htm
• The next COVID LFC meeting will be 2/17/22 at 1:00 pm.
• The next LFC meeting will be 2/12/22 at 10:00 am.