

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** AHCC

**Date and Time:** 07/22/2020, 2:00PM

## Attendees

- Kay Heinrich, Associate Superintendent
- Zina Blancher, Infectious Control Nurse
- Caitlin Robertson, OCO
- Jess Robb, Facility Secretary
- Anita Barker, Family Co-Chair
- Beth Ann Daigre, LFC Member
- Christina Current, LFC Member
- Stephanie Rueben, LFC Member
- Ashley Werth, LFC Member
- Ellen Hargrove, LFC Member
- Cody Derrigan, LFC Member
- Stella Spracklin, OCO
- Mike Rainville, CUS
- Paige Perkinson, HQ
- Donna Jaramillo, Family Secretary
- Bill Copeland, CCS
- Rachel Bisbee, LFC Member
- Stephanie Colunga, LFC Member
- Julianne Presson, LFC Member
- Stephanie Colunga, LFC Member
- Teresa Golden, LFC Member
- Bill Hargrove, LFC Member

## Weekly Update from Associate Superintendent Kay Heinrich

- AHCC has 11 COVID positive cases in the RCF (Regional Care Facility), and 3 in the infirmary. AHCC also has 23 incarcerated individuals on quarantine in C5 on C tier.
- To date, AHCC has completed 30 COVID-19 tests and 14 tests on CRCC individuals.
- Grievances: MAIN pertained to law Library availability, tired of COVID and limited movement, the regular library being closed, some folks not wearing masks and not being allowed out in dayroom while on quarantine. MSU had 0 grievances.

## Additional Questions

### Question

There was a person from C5 that was tested for COVID-19. Have the results come back yet? Also why are there people in the infirmary when you have the RCF?

### Answer

The individual in C5 was reported to medical on Saturday. Immediately we placed that patient on isolation and quarantined the tier. Infectious control nurse mapped two days back for the individual. Thursday the individual laid in and on Wednesday he was social distancing at work. AHCC has not gotten the test results back. As for the COVID patients in the infirmary, we cannot put COVID positive individuals who need a CPAP machine in the RCF. They must be placed in the negative pressure rooms in medical.

### Question

Are we still at 0 positive incarcerated individuals for Airway Heights?

### Answer

We have had 0 incarcerated individuals test positive, and 4 staff members test positive. Of those 4 staff members, 3 have recovered.

### Question

Why is gratuity pay not being extended past the 31<sup>st</sup> if individuals are not able to work per medical request, etc.? Jeneva stated on the HQ call that there are plenty of work opportunities for individuals, which is not true especially for K unit.

Answer

Each institution does this differently. I will get in touch with HQ and also review the state LFC meeting minutes.

Question

From June 15<sup>th</sup> to today, has there been any people from CRCC or Monroe transferred and put in the AHCC general population.

Answer

Those individuals transferring are people we have documentation that they have tested negative twice. Medical looks at the incoming list of those coming to the institution from CRCC and double check that this is happening. Their temperatures are checked and they are asked if they have any symptoms when they get on and off the chain bus.

Question

Who does the temperature checks and asks the questions on the quarantined units?

Answer

It's all trained medical staff. When it's the initial check a nurse goes into the unit, after that we have medical assistants do these checks. There are times that we use dental assistant as well since they are trained.

Question

Are staff aware that they are not to be going out of the quarantined area with the PPE?

Answer

If these instances occur please give us a time and date. But that is not proper PPE protocol.

Question

The camp let the quarantine incarcerated individuals out of the tier to use the phones and JPay.

Answer

This happens daily. We allow those on quarantine to get access to yard and phone to keep in touch with their loved ones. We ensure the phones and JPay kiosk areas are cleared of incarcerated individuals not on quarantine, and are then cleaned. When they are done, cleaning crews come through and spray and we let that set for 10 min to disinfect. These areas are cleaned both before and after these individuals are let out. The quarantine individuals are allowed out the fire exit so they are not touching the same door handles as others.

Question

Has the PICH area been used yet?

Answer

At this point we do not need to use that space. We are trying to keep all these individuals in one area. Once these individuals are stable we have been able to transfer them to Monroe to keep our numbers low. It is staged and ready to go if needed. So the gym is still open for use.

Question

How are individuals getting tests back so quickly to be able to get transferred?

#### Answer

The DOH has come in and is doing rapid testing. They have separated the prison into different areas. Once they started getting negative tests back they put those individuals all in one spot. Then they started testing staff weekly. This helped maintain double negative tests.

#### Question

Why are the guys doing lock down days when they are already locked down?

#### Answer

Under normal operations we have Place safety Muster's for staff members. Staff get together to discuss safety issues, operational issues, etc. The last one we had was in February. Today was the first day we started this back up since COVID-19 started. When we have these, all the staff are together and there is no one to watch the population. So the population remains in a lock down until 9AM. This only occurs once a month. We are not sure if this will continue to happen each month or not.

#### Question

I spoke with some individuals in the RCF, one individual was wondering why they aren't being re-tested before sending individuals out of the RCF?

#### Answer

The CDC guidelines state you don't have to test to be negative, you can also go by time limits. Some individuals medical has moved out of RCF went to Monroe. Medical has not sent anyone back to CRCC. Individuals in convalescent care must have 21 days with no symptoms before they can return to the population.

#### Comments/Closing

I appreciate Zina, AHCC infectious control nurse, and CUS Rainville being here today. I hope they were able to answers your questions. Stay safe out there and talk with you next week when Superintendent Key returns to facilitate.