

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: AHCC

Date and Time: 09/02/2020, 2:00PM

Attendees

- Kay Heinrich, Associate Superintendent
- Caitlin Robertson, OCO
- Jess Robb, Facility Secretary
- Anita Barker, Co-Chair
- Beth Ann Daigre, LFC Member
- Christina Current, LFC Member
- April Chavez, LFC Member
- Ellen Hargrove, LFC Member
- James Key, Superintendent
- Stella Spracklin, OCO
- Ann Wise, CPPC
- Donna Jaramillo, Family Secretary
- Julianne Presson, LFC Member
- Bill Hargrove, LFC Member
- Rachel Bisbee, LFC Member
- Yoshi Garcia, LFC Member (state rep)

If you would like your friend/family member/loved one to be a part of the Local Family Council, please have them write to Jess Robb at the following email address:

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or

Jess Robb, Facility Secretary

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To be part of the Local Family Council, one must be on the Incarcerated Individual's approved visitation list, and "any approved visitor in good standing may attend" (policy 530.155). If one is not on the inmate's visitation list and wish to fill an application to become a visitor please, go to the following website:

<https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/incarceration/visiting/prison-visits.htm>

Weekly Update from Superintendent James Key

- We have 8 individuals in the RCF, zero in the infirmary, 4 on hospital watch, 13 on quarantine, 4 on isolation and 8 on intake separation.
- We have had 3 positive staff members. This gives us a total of 9 during this pandemic. We have gone through the mapping process for each of them.
- Our staff have gone through the training to administer staff serial testing. I will have more information on when this will begin at our next meeting.
- A correspondence came out from Laura Strict with FAQ about COVID-19. Some of these were: How long are people with COVID-19 infectious? What testing for COVID-19 is available? Are there any treatments? Who is considered increased risk and more? This went to the incarcerated population to give them some more answers.
- We had 13 grievances in the MAIN this week. They were regarding wanting to be removed from K unit, social distancing being enforced, not receiving a full hour out in the dayroom, and MI3 not receiving as much time out as the medium units. MSU had 1 grievance in regards to COVID, it was regarding COVID pay not being correct.
- We have 1 incarcerated individual who is positive that is a CCJ (community corrections jail) violator. This individual has gone through the mapping process and was in the main/MSU facility.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question

With all the talk about the upcoming 'hot breakfast', for those that work odd hours, are older ages, and such, that may not be up and wanting to get to the chow hall that early, (especially as it gets colder), will they have the option of keeping the boats

Answer

Not at this time. We will have a process for early workers to grab the hot breakfast. We can't do both processes though. Our target date to start hot breakfast is mid-October, (this information has been updated to early November)

Additional Questions

Question

Is there any word on JPay getting fixed?

Answer

Help tickets have been submitted and a technician will be onsite September 8th.

Question

In regards to the hot breakfast, how did they end up deciding to start this?

Answer

This has been going on statewide through family members petitioning for it. There are 3 facilities who do not have CI making meals. So through the legislature and the public this has been moved forward. A while back we did get a vote from the tier reps for going to a hot breakfast.

Question

Are incarcerated individuals transferred to AHCC from Shelton getting housed in the visiting areas?

Answer

We have individuals from Shelton who qualify for MSU custody. They have been put in our alternate housing for social distancing.

Question

There is back and forth conversations about visiting. Can you give us any information you know at this time?

Answer

We have a safe start group working at HQ for visiting, programming, etc. This group has put together some recommendations. These will go to the institutions for comment, then back to HQ to an executive team for a final decision. We will need to figure out what logistical items we will need, and how long it will take to get these.

Question

What is the process for inmates not wearing their mask?

Answer

If we find an incarcerated not wearing their mask, we ask them to pull up their mask. If a person is habitually not wearing their mask a staff member could cell them in, record a behavior observation, and/or if they **refuse**, **they** could be infraacted. This is a progression discipline system.

Question

Have you looked at the incarcerated individuals having more time out of their cells?

Answer

The ICP and I are looking at options for this. This question has come up from the tier reps as well. There are many factors to include in this decision. At this time, I cannot say anything is going to change soon.

Question

Could the extra night yard be extended?

Answer

This is in regards to daylight hours. We cannot have individuals out there in the dark.

Question

There are often very few people in the dayroom, and it is limited to the top and the bottom at a time. Is this going to change?

Answer

I have looked at this with the ICP. Consistency needs to be done throughout the facility. I am hesitant to turn that back over to each individual unit. I can't have each unit in the institution running a different way. This puts the institution, staff and incarcerated at risk.

Question

Is it possible after they have yard times to get a shower taken?

Answer

That is something that has been brought up, but the only ones currently allowed to shower are the ones from CI or Food Factory returning from work. Currently you can shower only during your dayroom allotted time.

Comments/Closing

I'm hoping to have more information on staff testing for next week's call. Thank you for your time, have your questions by 12 noon on Tuesday, or sooner if you can. Be safe, wear your mask, social distance and we talk to you next Wednesday. Thank you.