

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: AHCC

Date and Time: 09/23/2020, 2:00PM

Attendees

- Kay Heinrich, Associate Superintendent
- Caitlin Robertson, OCO
- Monica Cantrell, Facility Secretary
- April Chavez, LFC Member
- Beth Ann Daigre, LFC Member
- Julianne Presson, LFC Member
- Ellen Hargrove, LFC Member
- Michelle Mason, LFC Member
- Christina Current, LFC Member
- James Key, Superintendent
- Paige Perkinson, HQ
- Donna Jaramillo, Family Secretary
- Kehaulani Walker, LFC Member
- Erin Molish, LFC Member
- Bill Hargrove, LFC Member
- Rachel Bisbee, LFC Member
- Gheorghe Turcin, Family Services

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

mecantrell@DOC1.WA.GOV

Monica Cantrell, 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

- The situation has not changed over the past week, we are status quo and the tone of the institution remains the same
- We have zero I/I in the Regional Care Facility, 6 in quarantine, zero in isolation, and 6 on intake separation (community custody jail, violators, work release revoke)
- Last week AHCC tested 665 staff. AHCC tested 524 as of Wednesday this week. That is a total of 1189 tested with 1 testing positive. No mapping was needed for incarcerated individuals because the staff member did not have any contact with the population.
- AHCC official confirmed staff number is 11 - that is since the COVID response started.
- We received one (1) COVID related grievance from the MSU pertaining to an individual's store was not received. That was due to a move to the MAIN institution. We had two (2) grievances from the MAIN. One was pertaining to the weight deck, and the other going to the yard and not being able to shower because of the movement time.
- Tier reps at other intuitions have suggested that weekly meetings are unnecessary unless there are significant changes. AHCC however, is going to continue weekly meetings as directed by Headquarters.

Questions from email:

- A question we received from a LFC member about Court-mandated programming for (K-Unit).
*Will you please provide an update on plans for resuming K-Unit's court-mandate programming?
Do you have a tentative date when these may start up again?*

Response from 8/26 notes: "We have a task force working on this. We are looking at a few factors. It has to be the same unit participating. We have to look at the numbers, social distancing, and looking at those who have shorter time sentences that have to get this done. We have SOTP and operational staff looking at this. I am not sure when this will be implemented. It has to be done right and within the COVID guidelines".

Response 9/23: This is still a work in progress. We are working with SOTAP and HQ for arrangements on when we can implement program for K unit and still keep everyone safe.

Additional Questions

Question

This is my first call. How does this work?

Answer

I give information and update as to what is happening, answer any questions that were sent in before noon on Tuesday before the meeting, answer any questions that were pending a response from the week prior, and then we open for questions. During each round, you can ask one question.

Question

What support is there for staff with COVID?

Answer

They have access to a staff counselor and employee assistance.

Question

Do you meet with the staff that has gotten COVID?

Answer

No, unless they need something from me, but they have other resources (see previous question).

Question

Are vending machine cards transferable to other prisons or do they have to get a new card?

Answer

Cards are not transferable

Question

This is in reference to quarantine, specifically Food Factory where there was a worker that was coughing for days and a staff member who then tested positive for COVID. That worker and his cell mate were told to stay in their cell and that they were being quarantined. There was no bathroom in there, so they came out and wandered around and used the bathroom and the phones. They could have infected a lot of people by then. They were told that medical would be down to test them, but they did not show up until the next day.

Answer

No, no one in CI has tested positive. There is no one on quarantine except for those that came in from the community as stated earlier. The data shows this not to be the case.

[Comment](#)

LFC Member: This happened to others in the food factory and nothing happened to their cell mate

[Answer](#)

I can't respond as I have no knowledge about this. The data shows this not to be the case. Again, no one in CI has tested positive and there is no one on quarantine.

[Comment](#)

LFC member: I saw them on video being taken to quarantine.

[Answer](#)

I think what you may have seen is individuals being removed and taken to other areas of the unit, to their counselor's or Sergeant's office but there was no way of knowing for that specific situation. But there is no one in quarantine.

[Question](#)

Have things been moved out of visitation?

[Answer](#)

Headquarters has not given us permission to clear C2 MSU Visitation out,

[Question](#)

The website states that there are two (2) confirmed COVID. Are they staff or Incarcerated Individuals?

[Answer](#)

There are no positive cases in general population or on quarantine. Those that are positive came from the community, county jails, etc. I do not have the webpage up to see what you are looking at.

[Question](#)

Rumor has it that the JPay satellites are being replaced by smaller ones. Is there a truth to that?

[Answer](#)

The ones in the sky? We have added Wi-Fi dishes, but I do not know of any satellites being replaced with smaller ones.

[Question](#)

The garden area- do the vegetables go to the I/I or where do they go?

[Answer](#)

A majority go to non-profit organizations, Women and Children Free Kitchen, Medical Lake Food Bank, and some to the MSU kitchen. Secretary Sinclair thought it would be a kind gesture to help the community during this pandemic time.

[Question](#)

Can we have legislators on these informational calls?

[Answer](#)

We adopted LFC policy for the COVID sessions, the notes are posted on the DOC website for anyone to review.

[Question](#)

Is there any projected date for visiting?

[Answer](#)

The Safe Start Group will be here next week to work with staff. We have no projected date at this time.

[Question](#)

Why do warehouse workers wear masks and officers wear shields?

Answer

There are protocols based on where you work and what you do.

Question

My son asked me if I know anything about the petition that was being circulated about visiting

Answer

Is this an incarcerated petition? I have not heard of any petition.

Question

Local and Mileage taxes by GTL per minute cost- do you know what the charge amounts are for the mileage and local taxes because I am 2200 miles away and this gets expensive.

LFM: I can answer a lot of your questions if you can give me your info.

Other LFM: Can we do that?

Answer

I do not have that contract. Paige can assist you with getting with Mr. DeFlicht at HQ, and these contracts should be published online.

Question

Do you know about Open bid / video JPay and is it available for viewing?

Answer

This is all at the HQ level and no local information is available.

Comment

LFM: I can answer a lot of your questions.

Other LFM: We can swap information.

LFM: Not on this call, they won't let us.

Other LFM: Then, how can we exchange information?

LFM: Just contact Family services and I can fill you in on a lot.

Updated information

- Any questions about LFC business should be directed to the LFC co chair: Anita Barker and/ or secretary, Donna Jaramillo that is what they are there for to assist other LFC members, an additional resource is George Turcin, local family council community specialists: gturcin@DOC1.WA.GOV

Question

What percentage of vegetables go to the kitchen at the Main and Minimum facility

Answer

I do not have the information at this moment but will provide information at the next meeting.

Follow-up from 9/16/20

Follow up from last week in reference to JPay players and the fixes. The liaison is out on vacation and we will follow-up with her when she gets back.

Comments/Closing

Serial testing goes on, there have been changes made to the process to have them move along in a good fashion. Remember to keep your social distance and stay safe.