

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: AHCC

Date and Time: 4/20/2021, 2:00PM

Attendees

- Paige Perkinson, HQ
- Jess Robb, Facility Secretary
- Ellen Hargrove, Family Secretary
- Juanita Rodriguez, LFC Member
- Hattie Wolf, LFC Member
- Beth Ann Daigre, LFC Member
- Teresa Golden, LFC Member
- James Key, Superintendent
- Justin Gudvangen, RN4
- Caitlin Robertson, OCO
- Rachel Bisbee, SFC Representative
- Bill Hargrove, LFC Member
- Julie Burden, LFC Member
- Michelle Mason, LFC Member

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 wishes to fill out an application to become a visitor, please go to the following website:

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

- **Questions need to be submitted to Ms. Robb by noon on the Tuesday before the meeting. Please keep your questions, pre-submitted and during the call, to COVID-19 related topics.**
- Please keep each question concrete and specific via bullet statements.

Weekly Update from Superintendent Key

- Numbers as of 1:00 PM per the website:
 - AHCC new positive cases in the last 30 days – 0
 - AHCC I/I Confirmed cases – 1671
 - AHCC Staff Confirmed cases – 220
 - AHCC I/I deaths – 5
 - AHCC I/I in the RCF – 0
- Vaccine administered to both I/I and staff:
 - AHCC Initiating Vaccination Administered – 1,115
 - AHCC Second Vaccination Administered – 914
 - Total Vaccines Administered at AHCC – 2029
- We sent out memos regarding the Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccines to the population and the LFC. Medical has also sent out information about who is interested in vaccines and information on how to move forward to the population.
- We had no grievances in the MSU or in MAIN.

- JPay was on site and did some preventative maintenance inspecting phones, terminals, keyboards etc. in C4, C5, N, R and T units.

Weekly Update from RN4 Justin Gudvangen

- We are still moving forward with vaccinating the population. It's open to everyone who would like to volunteer. We asked them to send kites if they would like to receive it. We are planning a clinic for this week. Even for those individuals who did not send a kite, if we haven't heard from an individual at all, we are going to have a conversation with them. Our goal is to have a face-to-face conversation with everyone to give clarification and information on the vaccines. We would like this to happen sooner rather than later.

Additional Questions

Question

Have any of the JPay kiosks been converted to new or like new condition?

Answer

Based on the documentation, just general tune ups and checks have been done.

Question

Do you know when they were replaced last?

Answer

I'm not sure of any replacements of kiosks.

Question

Could you attach the replacements dates to notes?

Answer

Based on the information I have nothing has been replaced.

Question

For the 3rd stimulus, do they send their 1040 forms to the California or Texas address? Will the facility be providing the instructions for the 3rd ones?

Answer

The facility has not sent out any new information on these.

- Update from Business Office: HQ has not heard from the IRS about the process that I/I's must use to get the 3rd round stimulus. If they want to send a 1040 form it should be sent to the California address.

Question

Are we still on the cohort schedule? Are the units still out for forty-five minutes and then there is cleaning for fifteen minutes?

Answer

We have gone back to open dayrooms with cleaning done continuously for all units.

Question

Can you tell me when the population who received the vaccine reviewed the video by the University of Washington?

Answer

When we got the DVD, it was placed on the movie channel for the entire facility. It is on the continuously rolling channel.

Question

The I/I who work only get yard on Saturday, and it seems like mainline is holding this up quite a bit. Does this have anything to do with COVID guidelines?

Answer

No, this could be due to facility emergencies, but not COVID specific reasons.

Question

With the J&J being put on hold, is medical watching those individuals who have received it a bit closer?

Answer

Response from Medical: At the time we were notified it was on pause. We had administered those doses outside of two-week time frame. The reactions are happening with woman in a certain age range. The facilities who have women that had reactions were followed up with within those two weeks. We also checked with our transgender population who received those. We were outside of the two-week time frame when we received that information.

Question

I thought I heard you say this would be the last COVID-19 call for AHCC?

Answer

That is not correct, we are still on an every other week schedule.

Question

Is there an update on how medical is going to treat/watch those that have been identified as long haulers?

Answer

Response from Medical: These are individuals who are still having severe symptoms long after contracting COVID-19. We are already aware of those individuals. They are being managed on a case-by-case basis. That mean the treatments, specialists, etc. There are not very many of these individuals.

Question

Are you providing an interpreter for those who are hard of hearing to watch the video on channel 10?

Answer

We have the ability for closed captions on the TVs. Those individuals who have TVs in their rooms or in the dayroom could see it. If a specific individual needs closed captioning, they could ask a CUS for it to be turned on.

Question

What is the immune therapy?

Answer

We consult with outside specialists on an individual basis. There is a treatment that involves giving plasma that has the antibodies to COVID that helps an individual overcome COVID and this is done at a hospital.

Question

The vaccines are going to be done Thursday or Friday? Are those the 300 vaccines the dept got last week? Or different ones?

Answer

Clinics are on Wednesday and Thursday. The department is allocated a certain number and they are split between the sites.

Question

How many total doses did AHCC receive last week and this week?

Answer

As far as total doses we will refer you to the website. They keep coming in on a daily basis.

Question

How many were received at AHCC in the last seven days? The website doesn't break it down.

Answer

The problem with giving a dosage amount is that it varies daily. I will again refer you to the website.

Question

I know it's difficult to do it for a whole week. Could you let me know how many were received on April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd?

Answer

I don't have that information.

Question

If the long haulers are still testing positive, would they be segregated?

Answer

If they are still positive, they are on isolation status.

Question

I have been trying to get specific answers regarding the long haulers that still tested positive. My loved one has been labeled by medical as a long hauler, but he has never been tested a second time. Why is it saying now that the long haulers are being tested a second time?

Answer

If this is an individual issue, we will look into that. The guidance is that if someone tests positive you don't test again. I am describing a long hauler as someone who has severe symptoms who is in and out of the hospital. The hospital may test those individuals who are showing severe COVID symptoms. What you are describing are those individuals who may have prolonged symptoms. There has been data shown that the vaccine may help with those prolonged symptoms.

Question

Those individuals who contract COVID have antibodies and have them in their system for 90 days. The antibodies in the vaccine can last for six months. Is there any retesting for those after 90 days and after six months?

Answer

There has been no information from clinical staff to do this. We would isolate and quarantine an individual if they are showing symptoms, and testing would be based off an individual case.

Question

Will those labeled as long haulers who signed up for the vaccine be labeled as a priority?

Answer

There is no need for that at this time, anyone who would like to receive it is able to do so.

Question

The long-term effects show they may need an annual booster. Is DOC planning for this?

Answer

I have not seen anything about this. All the information out there regarding antibodies and variances are one off situations. There is not repeated data by credible sources. There has not been any clear action taken towards it.

Supt Key

Thank you for joining us on today's call....

LFC Member

Excuse me, this meeting is scheduled until 3, it is not 3. I still have more questions.

Supt Key

My apologies, no one spoke up on the last round. Please go ahead and ask your question.

Question

Is Justin in charge of putting in a daily number of vaccines you are hoping to get? Who does the order request? Is it the DOC pharmacist at HQ?

Answer

It is not me. It is done at HQ. You can send a public records request to HQ on the numbers, that's what I advise.

Question

With the summer months coming up, hydration is an important factor. What is the status of the ice machines?

Answer

I am meeting with staff and they are giving me some information on the ice machines we have. Hopefully I will have that by next week and can move forward.

Question

Could you attach that to notes as well?

Answer

You will need to go through public disclosure.

Comments/Closing

Thank you for being on the call today as we had to move it for staffing issues. Please have questions in by the Tuesday before the meeting on May 5th. The sooner you submit questions the more answers we can have. Keep encouraging your loved ones to get the vaccination to help fight this. Be safe and we will talk to you on the 5th.