

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility: AHCC**

**Date and Time: 6/2/2021, 2:00PM**

## Attendees

- Kay Heinrich, Associate Superintendent
- Paige Perkinson, HQ
- Jess Robb, Facility Secretary
- Ellen Hargrove, LFC Family Co-Chair
- Kari Carlisle, LFC Member
- Christina Current, LFC Member
- April Chavez, LFC Member
- Teresa Golden, LFC Member
- Bill Hargrove, LFC Member
- James Key, Superintendent
- Monica Ritter, HQ
- Stella Spracklin, OCO
- Rachel Bisbee, SFC Representative
- Kim Raap, LFC Member
- Donna Jaramillo, LFC Member
- Julie Burden, LFC Member
- Virginia Chapman, LFC Member
- Juanita Rodriguez, 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 – 4
  - AHCC I/I Confirmed cases – 1675
  - AHCC Staff Confirmed cases – 229
  - AHCC I/I deaths – 5
  - AHCC I/I in the RCF – 0
- We currently have no units on quarantine. Second testing for the units that were on quarantine was done and came back negative.
- Staff have been working diligently on JPay. I met with the rep yesterday and am working with Keith DeFlicht. We are going to do a forensic test on the K unit Kiosk to see where the problems are coming from. This is an ongoing issue and we understand how disappointing and frustrating it is.
- We have received kites and kiosk regarding the heat. We are working on the capitol project which effects the chillers. I met with maintenance and they are hoping to have this finished by Friday. In the

evening hours they are circulating the outside air through the units and into the cells hoping to cool things down. I have been asked to leave the doors open, I cannot leave the doors open due to safety and security. Our project didn't anticipate the 90-degree heat wave at the beginning of June. We are hoping to get this corrected soon and the chillers up and going.

- Hot breakfast was implemented on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We purchased eight new ice machines. The units receiving new ice machines first will be KA, KB, LA, MB, and NA. We will be looking at the MSU ice machines this week. We will have three machines left over. However, I like to keep one or two in the inventory in case one goes down, so we are not waiting weeks for a new one. Most of maintenance is working on the chiller issue currently, but we are hoping to get these deployed next week.
- We spoke with HQ on the dividers in visiting. This was also discussed at the SFC meeting. There may be something coming from HQ soon. If we change the dividers, it should be the same statewide. We have not been filling all the slots in visiting, so there aren't too many individuals in the visiting room at one time.

## Pre-Submitted Questions

### Question

How many I/Is are allowed in the K-Unit dayroom at a time?

### Answer

64. However, social distancing and CDC guidelines must still be followed.

### Question

Are I/Is allowed to play cards in the dayroom?

### Answer

This comes from HQ, currently they cannot play cards.

### Question

Are any units on restricted movement due to COVID?

### Answer

We are not on restricted movement. We are on cohort movement.

### Question

Are all units still on 45 minutes out and 15 minutes cleaning schedule?

### Answer

Yes, they are. I met with staff today and later this week we will meet with the clinical folks to evaluate if we need to continue this in the future.

- **Update: A memo was sent to the population on June 3<sup>rd</sup> discontinuing this practice and focusing on continual cleaning of the dayrooms.**

### Question

What programs are available now?

### Answer

In the MSU we have; T4C, Education, Chemical dependency, Mental Health, Religious services, NATAM (Native American), and PIO (Parenting Inside Out). In the Main; Religious services, NATAM, T4C, PIO, Education, TC, IOP, Law Library, Mental Health groups and SOTP. The sweat lodges have been rebuilt; however, modified pipe ceremonies are occurring weekly until the sweat lodges ceremonies are cleared by HQ. Most programs are up and running in cohort schedules. This is coordinated with each program and still follows CDC guidelines.

#### Question

Prior to COVID, memorial services could be held in the chapel. Can memorial services be held now?

#### Answer

Not at this time. We have done some virtual services for family and I/I, but there are no large gatherings for services at this time.

#### Question

At the 2/3/21 COVID call, Mr. Key said that once the COVID outbreak is over, the Christmas dinner would be served. Has this happened? If not, when will it be served?

#### Answer

I am not sure. We are not on outbreak status, but we are still under cohort, and we are still doing grab and go meals. We'd like to be able to have this as a sit-down meal within the dining hall. We are still planning on doing this.

#### Question

Are Tier Rep meetings being held in-person?

#### Answer

MSU Tier Rep meetings are in person and the MAIN is held virtually via Teams.

### Additional Questions

#### Question

Thank you for the update on the ice machines and air conditioning. There are two visiting dates on the website for K unit. Does that mean I need to pick either of those dates?

#### Answer

Based on the Safe Start guidelines, I/I can only have one visit a month.

#### Question

There was a visit in the end of June and then early July, but only two weeks apart. Is that still considered one a month?

#### Answer

Yes. As long as they are in two separate calendar months.

#### Question

I saw on the FB page Monroe had the cat program back. Will AHCC bring the dog program back?

#### Answer

We will put that question down for the regular LFC meeting.

#### Question

On the weekends I/I are still receiving breakfast boats. Could they do the boats the night before, so they don't have to get up early on the weekends?

#### Answer

We will research that. The 24-hour schedule is different on the weekends, but we will look into this.

- **Update: The breakfast boat menu is developed by HQ and could change at any time. Continuing grab and go meals will also help with preparation for when dining halls eventually reopen.**

## Comments/Closing

Please get your questions into Ms. Robb. The next LFC Meeting is June 26. We will be dealing with chillers, and I will be out in the units to check on how things are going. Hopefully having the colder air circulate at night will help. Thank you for your time, be safe and we'll talk to you in two weeks.