

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: AHCC

Date and Time: 10/6/2021, 2:00PM

Attendees

- Kay Heinrich, Associate Superintendent
- Paige Perkinson, HQ
- Jeremy Barclay, HQ
- Jess Robb, Facility Secretary
- Ellen Hargrove, LFC Family Co-Chair
- Donna Jaramillo, LFC Family Secretary
- Bill Hargrove, LFC Member
- Christina Current, LFC member
- James Key, Superintendent
- Stella Spracklin, OCO
- Caitlin Robertson, OCO
- Rachel Bisbee, SFC Representative
- Teresa Golden, LFC member
- Yoshi Garcia, LFC Member
- Kim Raap, 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:

Jessica.robbs@doc1.wa.gov

or

Jess Robb, Facility Secretary
Airway Heights Corrections Center
PO Box 1899
Airway Heights, WA 99001

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 James Key

- Numbers as of 1:00 PM **per the website:**
 - AHCC I/I new positive cases in the last 30 days – 1
 - AHCC I/I Confirmed cases – 1683
 - AHCC Staff Confirmed cases – 289
 - AHCC I/I deaths – 4
 - AHCC I/I in the RCF – 12
- Moderna Vaccine administered to both I/I and staff:
 - AHCC Initiating Vaccination Administered – 1,576
 - AHCC Second Vaccination Administered – 1,516
 - Total Vaccines Administered at AHCC – 3,092
- Johnson and Johnson Vaccines Administered
 - AHCC - 181
- There are concerns about vaccine mandates for staff. We have done emergency staffing plans and feel confident that we will be able to run the institution. We are unsure until the 18th what exactly that will look like.

- I appreciate the positive emails regarding EFVs and visiting. I am sharing those with staff.
- This month we will have the next COVID call on Wednesday the 20th. Starting next month, we will have these meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Additional Questions

Question

Do you have the numbers of staff members who have submitted resignations due to the governor's vaccine mandate?

Answer

We are still in the process of getting this information. This is HR information and I do not think we will be able to share that.

Question

I've heard that the powwow was cancelled due to COVID. Will you be resuming that?

Answer

We have not had a powwow scheduled at this institution. It wasn't cancelled. We are moving it to a later date, but it will not allow visitors. It will only be available for the I/I.

Question

I have an EFV scheduled. Is there anything additional I need to do to keep my loved ones and others safe? Do we need to be vaccinated?

Answer

You do not need to be vaccinated, but you do need to participate in RAT (Rapid Antigen Testing) testing entering and leaving the EFV.

Question

I'm wondering why I'm just now being let into the meeting; my other account is not being allowed in?

Answer

We let everyone in as they appear in our lobby.

Question

I came to visits on the 25th. We didn't get into visiting until almost 1 o'clock, and then we had to leave five minutes before our time was up. They didn't start the RAT test till 12:30 and not 12:15 like they are supposed to.

Answer

We apologize for that. We had to bring in EFVs first. Sometimes this does cause delays. We are trying to streamline and make this process more efficient.

- LFC Member: EFVs get all weekend, and we only get one three-hour session. We were told we would get the time made up for the visit if it started late.
- Supt. Key: HQ made that statement for the one-hour visit, not the three-hour visits. We are working through these processes and trying to improve them as they are still new.

Question

At our last COVID meeting, we discussed contingency planning. I am asking if there is a staffing shortage, does that mean suspending programming or visiting?

Answer

The contingency plan has nothing to do with closing visiting. There may or may not be programming areas closed for a few hours like yard. But as it stands now with the contingency plan, we do not intend to close visiting.

Question

On the 28th of July, I sent out an email asking why the policy manuals were taken out of the units and I still have not gotten a response.

Answer

That's not COVID related. The policy books are in the law library and not regularly in the units. We will get an answer back before the end of the week. We apologize for the delay.

- **Update: This email was responded to on 10/8/21.**

"During the outbreak last year, when the law library was not accessible to the incarcerated population, policy manuals were made available on the units.

The manuals were removed due to the law library reopening on 3/17/21 and individuals being able to review policies/OM's on the computers.

Per policy 100.00 attachment 100.100a "Facility manuals that contain only Department Policy/OM's published within the last 30 days English/Spanish that are viewable by the incarcerated population" are maintain in the living units. After the 30 days, the policies/OM's are removed from the binder. Any future review will need to be requested for law library access.

No binders regarding policies/OM are maintained in the law library. It is all available on the computers."

Question

Who is the Deputy Director for Command A?

Answer

That is not a COVID question. We've had some reorganization in the Department. We can put this in the notes, but I would like to keep these to COVID related questions. That information should also be on the DOC website.

- **Update: Michael Oberland. This can be found on the DOC website.**

Question

Do we need to bring in our own factory sealed masks to an EFV?

Answer

We supply surgical masks on site.

Comments/Closing

We are doing the best we can to keep everyone safe and the facility running. We hope you have a great week. Stay safe and we will talk to you next time.