

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: AHCC

Date and Time: 11/10/2021, 2:00 PM

Attendees

- Kay Heinrich, Associate Superintendent
- Jess Robb, Facility Secretary
- Ellen Hargrove, LFC Family Co-Chair
- Donna Jaramillo, LFC Family Secretary
- Julie Burden, LFC Member
- Bill Hargrove, LFC Member
- James Key, Superintendent
- Stella Spracklin, OCO
- Monica Ritter, HQ
- Rachel Bisbee, SFC Representative
- Kehaulani Walker, 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:

nmwebb@DOC1.WA.GOV

or

**Nancy Webb, 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 – 1686
 - AHCC Staff Confirmed cases – 299
 - AHCC I/I deaths – 4
 - AHCC I/I in the RCF – 0
- Moderna Vaccine administered to both I/I and staff:
 - AHCC Initiating Vaccination Administered – 1,599
 - AHCC Second Vaccination Administered – 1,538
 - AHCC Third Vaccination Administered - 17
 - Total Vaccines Administered at AHCC – 3,154
- Johnson and Johnson Vaccines Administered
 - AHCC – 259
- With the Thanksgiving Holiday coming up and the regular LFC Meeting being on the 8th, what are your thoughts on having the COVID call on December 1st?
 - LFC Members: That is fine.

- What are your thoughts on having the COVID calls once a month moving forward through the holidays unless a significant event comes up?
 - LFC members: That's okay with us.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question

Were any of the six staff members who have tested positive for Covid since Oct 18 working in direct contact with the I/I?

Answer

No staff that have tested positive have been identified as a close contact to an I/I. If a staff were to be identified as a close contact, that I/I or other staff members would have been placed on quarantine per current COVID-19 guidelines.

Question

At this time there are multiple programming offerings that are not being offered (NA/AA, the dog program, the Champions Program is running intermittently with delays in phasing up due to lack of staff, Native Drumming, Law Library, and late nights for minimum units) or are temporarily shut down. Can you please provide a listing of those not operating as "normally scheduled" and an anticipated resume date?

Answer

We are starting to increase volunteers coming in. We are hoping volunteer supported programs such as NA and AA will begin next month. We are working on the dog program contract and how that will run with COVID guidelines. The Champion Program is currently running. The TC program has new staff and phases are being caught up. Native Drumming is happening, and the modified pipe ceremony is now once a month as we no longer have a Native contractor. Late night will start in the incentive program in six months as an earned incentive and the Law Library is open.

Additional Questions

Question

Will any of the programming that has been slowed or stopped hinder releases?

Answer

Not at this time. We have worked with treatment and classification on priority lists to facilitate releases in a timely manner.

Question

Was there a 3rd dose of Moderna?

Answer

HQ is working on the Safe Start program to give boosters to the population. We are hoping to hear on this in the next couple weeks.

Question

I saw on TV they are talking about allowing any adult to have a booster shot?

Answer

My understanding is that the booster will be available to the population and the staff. Under the CDC guidelines, both staff and I/I are eligible to receive those.

Question

Were the goodie bags being given out to the population as an incentive for getting vaccinated a directive from HQ?

Answer

Yes, it was.

- **Update: The goodie bags began being handed out this week (11/15/21).**

Question

Will the Thanksgiving menu be expanded?

Answer

That menu will be a grab and go, but the I/I will get the items that were listed on the memo.

Question

Has the state library opened?

Answer

It has partially opened; they can kite the librarian for specific information. We are waiting for COVID barriers to be delivered and installed before they physically open.

Comments/Closing

Thank you for participating in today's call. The next COVID call will be Dec. 1st and the next LFC Meeting will be December 8th from 2:00PM-3:30PM.