

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center**

**Date and Time: 9/3/2020 @ 0900**

## Attendees

- **Local Family Council Members**

- **DOC Staff:**

Jeff Uttecht, Superintendent

Tim Taylor, Health Services Manager

Jeff Kinne, Incident Command

Michelle Duncan, Associate Superintendent

Kate Jansen, Administrative Assistant 3

Paige Perkinson, Engagement and Outreach

Bill Copeland, Family Services

- **OMBUDS**

Caitlin Robertson, Assistant Ombuds

- Please note:

- Questions for upcoming meetings are to be emailed to Kate Jansen at [catherine.jansen@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:catherine.jansen@doc1.wa.gov) no later than 8:00 am Wednesday. It is important that we received questions in advance to provide us time to research the answer. Not receiving questions may create a delay in a response.
  - All questions received afterwards will be held over to the next week or if time allows asked during the end of the conference call.
  - All questions sent to our staff before the informational sharing phone call during the week, will be answered on the Friday phone calls or forwarded onto [DOCCOVID19@DOC.WA.GOV](mailto:DOCCOVID19@DOC.WA.GOV) for appropriate response.

- Additional guidelines:

- Meeting time will be one (1) hour.
- We will answer all the questions first and open up for questions/comments afterwards.
- If any questions are left unanswered at the end of the meeting, we will add them to the next meeting.
- Please ensure your phones are on mute.
- Please provide your name before asking a question or responding.

- **Please do not share COVID-19 informational call phone-In Information with others, especially via social media.**

- If you, or you know someone that has a loved one at CRCC and would like to be added to the LFC list to receive call in information, meeting minutes and other correspondence the facility may send out please send an email to [catherine.jansen@doc.wa.gov](mailto:catherine.jansen@doc.wa.gov) or [miduncan@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:miduncan@doc1.wa.gov).

## Weekly Update

COVID-19 Informational Call Notes will now go on the facility bulletin boards and facility Kiosks. We do ask that people now announce themselves so that information is available for the call notes.

## Testing

**Staff** – CRCC continues to test all CRCC staff weekly. We have 77 staff members that have tested positive during the COVID 19 pandemic.

### **Incarcerated Individuals**

Current population:

Positive: 233  
In hospital: 0  
Isolation: 2  
Quarantine: 25  
Recovered: 231

## MI3 Operations – I, G, H, F Units

The minimum unit operations have changed slightly since the last operational period. Dayroom activity will still be based on one tier at a time, 20-24 cells at a time, with each tier having 2.5 hours of dayroom in the morning, and 2.5 hours of dayroom in the evening daily. MI3 Units will also have 50 minutes each day for yard. Lunch is now the only meal that will be eaten in unit. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the dining hall with individuals picking up their lunch during breakfast.

### Medium Unit Operations – B, C, D, E Units.

There has been changes in the Medium unit operations to coincide with the MI3 operations. Dayroom activity will still consist of on tier at a time, with each tier receiving 2.5 hours out in the morning and in the evening each day on a rotational schedule. Medium units will also receive 50 minutes a day of yard time. Medium units will also be eating breakfast and dinner in the dining hall; while lunch is grabbed at breakfast and eaten in unit.

This operational period went into effect today and will run until Friday 9/10/2020, at which point it will be reevaluated at that time.

## Pre-Exposed Questions

There were no pre-exposed questions sent this week. Please send pre-exposed questions to [catherine.jansen@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:catherine.jansen@doc1.wa.gov).

## Additional Questions

### Question 1

In F Unit, in the evening when they have their out times, both tiers are getting let out at the same time. They still don't have access to all the phones. It is causing some frustration.

Answer:

Only one tier is allowed out at a time for dayroom activity. For mainline, units will go to dinner with their pod or one side of the living unit. They are called down by tiers depending on the room in the dining room. For recreation, Units will also go to yard with their pods. Pods are not allowed to mix together in the yard and will be separated between the east and west yard. However both tiers in the Pod will be called down for mainline

and recreation. We are not aware of tiers being let out at the same time for dayroom activity. If this is occurring please email us with day and time so that we can look into it.

#### Question 2

Does everyone know that our loved ones each get two free video visits each week?

Answer

I believe everybody knows.

#### Question 3

Are we allowed to schedule more than one video visit a week?

Answer

The goal is to make sure that everyone can participate in video visits. We do ask that when you schedule those video visits that it is during your loved one's out time. This can cause some issues.

#### Question 4

So now that they are getting out twice a day, can we schedule more than one visit per week?

Answer

There are opportunities for more video visits, we just ask that people be mindful of the fact that others would like to participate in video visits. Rather than schedule two back-to-back we would ask that you schedule one and then see if there is the ability to extend it.

#### Question 5

Is the out time schedule going to change?

Answer

I believe we keep the same rotation, just the dates have changed. However, I will send a copy of the out schedule to the Local Family Council after this call.

#### Question 6

The new schedule came out today, I guess the officers that are letting them out for their out time was going to interfere with the actual time that they are out because of meals. So the time that they are scheduled should be the time that they are out, correct?

Answer

Yes. Even if there is a meal, they should still be allowed in the dayroom once they return from the dining hall.

#### Question 7

During the statewide call they were talking about marriages and that the department was looking on what that might look like. Do we know what that might look like for Coyote Ridge?

Answer

I know that it is a topic of conversation. We don't know any specifics at this point. It is our understanding that you can't get married without both parties in the same room, so we aren't sure how that will play out right now. I would expect that we would get statewide direction on that topic.

#### Question 8

Do you give the inmates flu shots?

Answer

Yes. We provide flu shots for the individuals. The schedule for that has not come out yet, but they are available for those that want them.

#### Question 9

Have you heard the new information about COVID being able to be contracted a second time?

Answer

We take our direction from Headquarters, so if that is something that they want to advise us on, we will take our direction from them.

#### Question 10

Has there been any more discussion about resuming programming?

Answer

It is currently being discussed as to how we can move forward with resuming programming.

#### Question 11

What is programming?

Answer:

Programming includes Education, Thinking for Change, and Substance Abuse Treatment. We continued this on a limited basis, and then stopped that after the outbreak here at CRCC. We have been in discussion on how to bring this back to CRCC and what it looks like.

#### Question 12

Does that include church services?

Answer:

Yes.

#### Question 13

The Food Factory is no longer going to be a thing at Coyote Ridge?

Answer:

The Food Factory was moved to Airway Heights during our outbreak. The plan with Correctional Industries is to keep that at Airway Heights and repurpose our area for a different production or expansion of some of the operations we already have.

#### Question 14

What about those that have lost their jobs?

Answer:

The goal is that those that worked with CI Food Factory can be moved to another area to continue their work with Correctional Industries. If they are interested, we ask that they speak with their counselor. We will reach out to our Correctional Industries people and see if I can get some more information in regards to this.

#### Question 15

I know that the magazines and things they receive are looked through. I am curious why certain things can't be removed from those so that they can receive those publications.

Answer:

There are certain publications that are on a list of prohibited materials. When they get a publication that is rejected, they receive a rejection slip and they can inform the mailroom what they would like done with that rejected mail. If you would like more information regarding mail rejections, please see <https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/incarceration/send/publications.htm#review>.

As to the question of removing items in question so that they can receive those publications, Per DOC 450.100 policy, "If the item cannot be removed without altering the publication (e.g., tearing a page from the publication), the entire publication will be rejected. Only perforated or loose items should be removed."

#### Question 16

Can they get the local newspaper?

Answer:

It has to come as a subscription, but yes, they can receive the local paper.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 0900.