

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 12/10/2020 @ 0900

Attendees

- **Local Family Council Members**

- **DOC Staff:**

Ken Jennings, Health Services Manager

Kate Jansen, Administrative Assistant

Ron Thompson, Captain

Paige Perkinson, Engagement and Outreach

Jeff Uttecht, Superintendent

Michelle Duncan, Associate Superintendent

- **OMBUDS**

Caitlyn Robertson, OCO

- Please note:

- Questions for upcoming meetings are to be emailed to Kate Jansen at 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 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 or miduncan@doc1.wa.gov.

Weekly Update

Testing

Staff – 127

Incarcerated Individuals:

- CRCC – MSC: 234
- CRCC – MSU: 104
- In hospital: 0
- Isolation: 38
- Quarantine: 183
- RCF - 2

MSU Unit Operations

MSU units are on restricted movement and quarantined. They are cohorted by the tiers in which they live on and are allowed out of tier at a time to access telephones, Jpays, Ice and Kiosks on a rotational basis. The Gym has been opened as alternative housing and is currently housing 29 individuals.

MSC Unit Operations

There have been no changes to the operation of the MSC living units.

Safe Start

WA DOC remains in phase 1 of the safe start initiative.

Questions

Question 1

Covid VACCINE, Is there going to be a mandatory vaccination for ALL the men and what will happen if they refuse?

Answer:

The department is working to put in place procedures and policies surrounding the up and coming COVID-19 vaccine. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) at a statewide level is reviewing the implementation and requirements of the COVID-19 vaccine and no official decision has been made. Once a decision has been made, the department will finalize the procedures surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine and will be made public.

Question 2

Why would the OMBUDS report be rejected through the mail?

Answer

I don't have any information in regards to that. Paige Perkinson noted that the Department has been trying to figure out how to get the report to the population with certain restrictions given that some information cannot be accessed by the population.

Question 3

Why are you taking those from Camp to the main?

Answer

We have some individuals that are transferring from the camp to Restricted Housing for isolation or quarantine purposes. Restricted Housing allows us to keep individuals separated more easily, is also has a nurse station with the unit and allows them easier access to medical treatment. Those that have been placed in quarantine and have completed the required quarantine time, are then released into the MSC population as we do not want them to go back to the MSU unit the units are clear of COVID.

Question 4

Why are they only allowed \$70 dollars' worth of commissary?

Answer

They are reducing the amount that they can provide due to a shortage of workers due to the COVID outbreak.

Question 5

Were you testing the kitchen workers?

Answer

No, we are screening them, but we are not testing them.

Question 6

With AHCC closing their Food Factory where will CRCC get food for the population?

Answer

The food service program is ran by Correctional Industries. If they don't have a product, they will source that from another vendor. There will be no ill effect in regards to meals.

Question 7

Have there been any new cases with staff?

Answer

We have 127 staff cases. This is an increase but I don't have last week notes in front of me, so I couldn't tell you the number of cases added since our last call.

Question 8

I just wanted to say "thank you". My son just received his flu vaccine.

Answer:

Yes, I wanted to confirm, I know that there had been some confusion on this. The population is receiving the flu vaccinations.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday December 17, 2020 @0900.