

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

**Date and Time:** 7/1/2021 @ 0900

## Attendees

- **Local Family Council Members**

- **DOC Staff:**

Kate Jansen, Administrative Assistant

Paige Perkinson, Outreach

Monica Ritter, Engagement and Outreach

Ramona Cravens, Public Information Officer

Jeff Uttecht, Superintendent

Ken Jennings, Health Services Manager

Jeff Kinne, Chief Investigator

Jeremy Barclay, Communications and Outreach

- **OMBUDS**

Caitlyn Robertson, OCO

- 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 for appropriate response.

- Additional guidelines:

- Meeting time will be one (1) hour.
- We will answer all the questions first and open 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@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:catherine.jansen@doc1.wa.gov) or [miduncan@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:miduncan@doc1.wa.gov).

## Weekly Update

## Testing

**Incarcerated Individuals:** 415 (0 in the last 30 days)

MSU: 123

MSC: 292

In hospital: 0

Isolation: 0

Quarantine: 0

**Total Vaccinations given at CRCC (Staff and Individuals): 2,846**

If you would like to know all the updated numbers of those vaccinated, please visit

<https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data-vaccines.htm>.

### MSU Unit Operations:

All MSU units are running under normal cohort operations.

### MSC Unit Operations

The MSC living units continue to operate with the identified cohorts and schedule.

### Visitation

Visitation has been resumed. Please visit <https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/incarceration/prisons/crcc.htm> for all the information regarding in-person visits for Coyote Ridge Corrections Center.

## Questions

### Question

Those sound-like good numbers. Do we have a percentage of those not vaccinated?

Answer:

We can't really give those numbers. Those numbers change constantly due to vaccinations being given, movements to other facilities, etc.

### Question

Do those numbers include second doses?

Answer:

It is a combination number. It includes those that have received the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccine. The Johnson and Johnson is a one-dose vaccine, so that will affect those numbers.

### Question

I heard that the population was given TV dinners. Is there a food shortage? I also heard that those dinners may have been expired. Can you give us any information on that?

Answer:

The population was given TV dinners due to the heat. With the high temperatures, we have tried to mitigate the amount of time that our kitchen workers spend in the kitchen in order to prevent excessive heat exposure. We will reach out about the expiration date and get some clarification. We do not have a food shortage.

**Update:**

The frozen meals are inspected by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prior to leaving. The label must fall in compliance with the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Services labeling and laws and regulations. The date in question refers to the manufactured date of the product.

#### Question

I have heard that the yard time has been extended. Is that correct?

Answer:

The yard time is now one unit per yard. This allows each unit to get a couple times out. At 100 degrees or above, we close the yard for the safety of the population and staff from heat exposure. We have also implemented criteria for certain buildings within the facility that don't have HVAC systems. Over 89 degrees, we close out Textiles factory, to avoid heat danger as well. We are monitoring the heat and trying to get them time out when we can.

#### Question

Do they still get access to the fresh air pads with the heat?

Answer:

Yes. MI3 units still have access to the fresh air pads. Medium custody units do not have fresh air pads.

#### Question

Is there someone on the line from Headquarters? I would like to make a comment. I believe that we should be allowed for more time. We have whole units interacting (dining hall, yard, etc.) yet we are still on cohorts. It seems silly that we are having restrictive procedures when they are all still interacting. I hope that the Department of Corrections is seriously looking at opening.

Answer:

COVID is still here. We still must protect those that work and live in our facilities. The entire unit does go to the yard, where they are encouraged to socially distance. In the dining hall, it is still grab and go meals. They are still eating in their room and not the dining hall. That being said, we continue to discuss moving forward. We work hard to protect the staff and residents.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday July 15, 2021 @0900.