

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 8/26/2021 @ 0900

Attendees

- **Local Family Council Members**

- **DOC Staff:**

Kate Jansen, Administrative Assistant

Ken Jennings, Health Services Manager

Monica Ritter, Engagement and Outreach

Jeff Uttecht, Superintendent

Melissa Andrewjeski, 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 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 or miduncan@doc1.wa.gov.

Weekly Update

Testing

Incarcerated Individuals: 420 (5 in the last 30 days)

MSU: 123

MSC: 297

In hospital: 0

Isolation: 3

Quarantine: F, H, and I Units

Total Vaccinations given at CRCC (Staff and Individuals): 2,890

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. We have eliminated the upper and lower dayroom rotation for the MI3 units. However, there is still a maximum of 64 people in the dayroom at one time, and only two individuals to a table. Social distancing and surgical masks are a must.

We currently have three units on quarantine, F Unit and H Unit, and I Unit. These units are experiencing a Limited Area Outbreak. A Limited Area Outbreak is defined as two or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in staff or volunteers occurring within 14 days, who work in the same areas.

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

Are people in the unit wearing their masks?

Answer:

Yes. We have a quality control check regarding our mask requirement. Staff and individuals are aware that mask wearing continues to be mandated.

Question

If people are removed from their living unit, what is the protocol before they come back to the unit?

Answer:

If they are positive, there is protocol for resuming placement after the shedding of the virus. If they are presumed positive, we are essentially waiting for test results.

Question

What dates were F, H, and I put on quarantine?

Answer:

We don't have the exact dates off the top of our heads. **Update: F Unit went on quarantine status on August 17, 2021. H Unit went on quarantine status on August 13, 2021. I Unit went on quarantine status on August 23, 2021.**

Question

Are you scheduling EFV during quarantine?

Answer:

If the individual is in a unit that is on quarantine status, they will have to wait until that unit is released from quarantine status to schedule their Extended Family Visit.

Question

If one half of the unit is negative, why is the entire unit quarantined?

Answer:

Each unit is currently being treated as a cohort. Since the entire unit is considered the cohort, the entire unit is put on quarantine status.

Question

When will the individuals receive their results about their test results?

Answer:

They should be coming. Our priority right now is making sure that we are testing to ensure that we are containing the Limited Area Outbreaks. Our goal is to prevent this virus from spreading.

Question

What variant is being tested for?

Answer:

We believe the lab test for all variants of COVID-19.

Question

When do they get to call if they are going to isolation?

Answer:

They (the individual) or a staff member will notify family.

Question

Do they get their JPay players in isolation?

Answer:

If they tell us they have one. Staff will do their best to ensure they receive it.

Question

Do they get their hour out in isolation?

Answer:

No, they do not. The idea is controlling the spread of the virus and isolate the individual that is sick away from healthy individuals. If a citizen was quarantined in a hospital, they would not be free to wander the hospital halls.

Question

Why not rapid test the individuals?

Answer:

The Rapid Antigen tests have been found to be less accurate than a PCR test.

Question

Is there any way to make up lost visit dates?

Answer:

Not currently. The schedule is pretty tight.

Question

Why isn't everyone just being rapid tested?

Answer:

That is determined by our medical professionals. Our staff are tested twice a week, and we continue to test the population throughout the Limited Area Outbreaks.

Question

Why did Headquarters say we can kiss with a mask on and then we couldn't?

Answer:

We are waiting on clarification. There were two different documents with two different protocols that were received.

Question

How brief is a brief hug?

Answer:

These would be 10 seconds in length, as stated in our Visitor's Guidelines.

Question

If someone in a unit tests positive, does that restart the quarantine date for the rest of the unit.

Answer:

Yes, it does.

Question

What are you doing with food? I have heard that a lot of the kitchen workers are in the units that are quarantined.

Answer:

We are using the workers that aren't currently quarantined. We do have contingency plan should more unit have to be put on quarantine status.

Question

What is the protocol when someone comes into the facility?

Answer:

It depends on several factors, which are mostly determined by their transfer orders.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday September 2, 2021 @0900.