

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 9/2/2021 at 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: 421 (6 in the last 30 days)

MSU: 123

MSC: 298

In hospital: 0

Isolation: 1

Quarantine: I Unit/ Sage East

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. Sage East is currently under quarantine status. Sage East is a protected area and is being monitored very closely at this time.

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.

F Unit and H Unit have been released from quarantine status. I Unit is on quarantine status currently.

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

It would be nice if we could tell those that scheduled to transfer due to unit closures, so that they are aware of the transfer.

Answer:

There are a lot of processes that must take place before we can close a unit. Coyote Ridge is slated to close four units, but we currently have no active plan to get this accomplished. The impact of COVID-19 has caused some issues with this, and we are limited in the movement and places that we can send individuals.

Question

How many individuals you looking at moving?

Answer:

Those four units would be over 1000 individuals. If we must close those units, we are talking about putting individuals closer together, which is not an attractive option during COVID.

Question

Are you saying that Coyote Ridge won't have a camp if Sage and Camas are closed?

Answer:

That would be temporary. There are no plans to close forever.

Question:

I think the concern comes from leaving Coyote Ridge after getting involved in education and other programming and having to restart from scratch at another facility?

Answer:

I would recommend that they still sign up for the education and the programming. There is a possibility that they may even complete the program before the closures take place.

Question

I am curious about our EFV. I was scheduled for an EFV that was cancelled and I have heard that there has been an increase in the amount of the fee, as well as extra guidelines, what time to show up, etc. Can you give us some more information about that?

Answer:

Extended Family Visits that were cancelled due to COVID will have prioritized scheduling. Scheduling for EFV's is done by our Visitation Sgt. Lorrie Collins. If you would like to reach her, please contact the facility at 509-543-5800 and ask for her directly.

Regarding the fees associated with an EFV, there was an increase in this amount. The fee has increased from \$10.00 per night to \$15.00 per night. If someone had an EFV that was scheduled but was subsequently cancelled, that money should have been reimbursed and the fee will have to be repaid before the visit can be scheduled.

There are new guidelines for Extended Family Visits due to COVID-19. For the information regarding the COVID changes, I would encourage our visitors to see the new guidelines here: <https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/incarceration/visiting/prison-visits.htm#efv>. If any questions arise regarding the COVID-19 Guidelines for EFV's, please feel free to reach out at catherine.jansen@doc1.wa.gov.

Question

Why are we only testing fifteen minutes before the visit?

Answer:

This is an ever-changing process, just like many of our procedures dealing with COVID-19 and the pandemic. As time goes on, this process is subject to change. At the current moment, the staff that helping in completing the testing for visitation also have other duties within the facility. They have been given specific timeframes to which they can test visitors and get them processed for visits. The testing process for visitation can change should the need arise or should a more effective system be implemented.

Question

Can we be on facility grounds fifteen minutes or thirty minutes from the start of our visit? The sign at the facility says thirty minutes.

Answer:

The sign on facility grounds states that visitors can be on facility grounds thirty minutes before their scheduled visit. The testing process will not start until fifteen minutes before scheduled visit times.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday September 9, 2021 @0900.