

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 9/9/2021 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.

Announcements

Jeff Uttecht will be leaving Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. He has taken the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary-East for the Men's Prison Division. He will help oversee Cedar Creek Corrections Center, Larch Corrections Center, Airway Heights Corrections Center, Coyote Ridge Corrections Center, and the Washington State Penitentiary.

Melissa Andrewjeski will be taking the position of Superintendent at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center, while Andrew Sawyer takes the position of Associate Superintendent of Classification and Programs.

We hope you will join us in wishing all of them the best of luck in their new roles.

Weekly Update

Testing

Staff – 254

Incarcerated Individuals: 426 (11 in the last 30 days)

MSU: 128

MSC: 298

In hospital: 0

Isolation: 1

Quarantine: Sage East

Total Vaccinations given at CRCC (Staff and Individuals): 2,897

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.

I Unit is has been released from quarantine status.

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

Of those 11 new cases, how many are at camp and how many are at the main facility?

Answer:

We couldn't say for sure. We have had a small outbreak at our camp, which is being monitored closely.

Question

I just wanted to say that your facility has done an amazing job with your efforts against COVID. We thank you for all that hard work.

Answer:

Thank you for the kind comments. We appreciate the praise. We have some truly dedicated staff that have stepped up during this difficult time.

Question

What is keeping the individuals from participating in yard?

Answer:

We have had a staff shortage, as well as certain instances, where we have had to cancel yard time.

Question:

What is going to happen when staff leave in October?

Answer:

We are making plans. We share the same concerns about this issue.

Question

Will Andrew Sawyer take over all the events/visitation duties?

Answer:

With a decrease in the population housed at Coyote Ridge, also comes a decrease in staff. We are still determining which duties will fall to each management personnel.

Question

Who will be the 2nd Associate Superintendent?

Answer:

That hasn't been announced yet.

Question

Is the population still receiving grab-and-go meals?

Answer:

Yes. This is due to social distancing. We cannot accommodate the required number of people in the dining hall.

Question

Jeff, can you share what your position is?

Answer:

I will essentially be assisting the Superintendents of the facilities I oversee with their prison operations.

- Thank you for joining us. Next week's call will be Thursday September 16, 2021 @0900.