

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

Date and Time: 3/17/2022, 09:00AM

Attendees

- Melissa Andrewjeski (Superintendent), Jeremy Turner (Associate Superintendent), William Copeland (Family Services), Alexandra Stevenson (AA3) Madison Murphy (CPPC), Monica Ritter (HQ Engagement/Outreach), Madison Vinson (OCO), Caitlin Robertson (OCO)
- Allyson Alexander, Gwen McIlveen, Loren Taylor, Lisa Rogers, Wendy Wilhelm, Elizabeth Deleon, Linda Dawson, Mary Christine Barbour, Edna Leon, Tasha Haskins.

Weekly Update

- B unit continues to be on quarantine status. E unit was placed on quarantine yesterday morning due to one incarcerated case and staff cases. D unit is also on quarantine due to numerous positive cases. Currently testing E and C unit due to the number of positive cases coming from the medium side of the facility. C unit is not currently on quarantine status.

Pre-Submitted Questions

No pre-submitted questions.

Additional Questions

Question 1

Are you testing all of C unit due to the individual who came over from E unit? I also heard there is a rumor there is a list of people in the unit who do not have to test.

Answer

No. We moved the individual from E unit over to segregation as a precaution. There are some people who may not be testing if they had previously had COVID due to the limited risk of getting COVID again.

Question 2

Are staff being rapid tested daily?

Answer

Currently staff are being PCR tested once a week. There are some different schedules people are testing on due to exposures. Some staff are rapid testing daily while others are rapid testing once a week. The Staff who are working in the higher risk populations, like Sage East, are PCR testing once a week and rapid testing daily before going in that area.

Question 3

Could you please work with staff to ensure all the incarcerated individuals are getting there one hour out?

Answer

Yes, we do try to get all those individuals there hour out as much as possible. Sometimes this is difficult because of when meals get to the unit. We also try and make up that time where we can because we do understand the importance of the time out. We continue to talk to staff and supervisors to make sure this is happening.

Question 4

There was a memo sent out about when the guys are out in yard, they do not have to wear their masks. Is this correct at least at camp? At camp, when at yard, are the individuals supposed to stay separate from the other unit?

Answer

In this memo it also stated when on any kind of outbreak status, masks need to be worn outside. We are asking headquarters about the difference in status between MSC and MSU. They should also try and stay separate from units. At camp they should be on a rotation of who has access to the yard. The biggest challenge is staff who work at both MSC and MSU.

Question 5

The people who are now getting COVID, is it less serious than it used to be?

Answer

It is all taken seriously. For the most part, people are not having severe symptoms. However, each case is different.

Question 6

Why are individuals in C unit who are MI3 being let out of their cells late?

Answer

There are a lot of reasons this may be occurring. In MI3 units, they are in dry cells and need access to the restrooms. In the Medium units the booth can control the doors and they have wet cells.

Comments/Closing

- Greeting cards have been handed out to the entire population with free postage to send those out. If they get those sent out in the next 14 days, it will be free.
- One final thought, as you speak with all your loved ones encourage them to be patient. It is no one's fault we are all working through this. It is important to continue to communicate with your loved ones and any help you can offer them is much appreciated.
- Please continue to send any comments or questions to Jeremy Turner or Alexandra Stevenson.