



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Larch Correction Center-COVID CALL Date: 2-24-2022 Time: 3:00 PM

Teleconference details: _____

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Superintendent Miller, CPM Greene, Incident Commander Richer, Operations Chief Thibodeaux, CS Merrill, Perkinson, Paige PIO

Facility/council secretary: Allison Mitchell Family secretary, if applicable: _____

Members present Services: Family Services: Mr. Copeland, Ombuds Ms. Duffy

Non-council member attendees: N/A - Due to an anomaly in the TEAMS invite no family members were able to access the call.

Agenda

New business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
COVID-19 FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)	Here is the link to the most updated information on DOC's response and protocol on COVID-19. https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/faq.htm#calls-faq
The blue Hepa equipment that is in the Elkhorn Unit, is it to be used during certain times only? Are there these systems in the silver star Unit as well? This air filtering system could help if used properly, correct?	All air scrubbers are currently in EHU. We attempted to get more for SSU however supply is limited. Per DOC HQ medical staff, if not used properly the air scrubbers could cause more harm than good in spreading the virus Therefore, they are only in the Covid positive unit.	Lt. Thibodeaux discussed the Outbreak check list, PPE Matrix are posted and staff are required to follow that protocol
It is understood that the silver star Unit is operating under Quarantine status due to the outbreak, once an individual has tested positive for covid they are then moved to isolation. After the isolation period, then moved back to the original unit to quarantine again. If it is taking some, weeks to test positive in quarantine and some individuals are brought back after isolation, could there be potential risk for reinfection once one has been back from isolation for 30 days with people testing positive daily and we are almost a month into the outbreak? Is there a way to designate a tier for covid recovery only?	Currently the information that we have states that the risk for infection is very small within 90 days of catching Covid. We are almost a month into the outbreak, approximately 3/4 of the population has tested positive. We have had no serious health concerns due to the outbreak. It is difficult for a facility this small to be able to designate a Covid recovered only tier, as we have several small cohorts that are asymptomatic negative. The concern with creating large covid recovered tiers is mixing smaller cohorts and risking infection to those residents.	LCC and DOC are working very hard to limit the risk of exposure to those who have not been infected

<p>Mail Rejection</p>	<p>Mail is being rejected at an all-time high supposedly. Some things are being said such as photos of ones' daughter in shorts.</p>	<p>WAC 137-48-020 (13)(a)-(b): "Sexually explicit materials" consists of any item reasonably deemed to be intended for sexual gratification and which displays, portrays, depicts, or describes: (a) Nudity, which includes, but is not limited to, exposed/visible (in whole or part, including under or through translucent/thin materials providing intimate physical detail) genitals/genitalia, anus, buttocks and/or female/transgender breast nipple(s); (b) A sex act which includes, but is not limited to, genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal contact/penetration, genital or anal contact/penetration with an inanimate object, masturbation, and/or bodily excretory behavior; (c) Sadistic/masochistic abuse, bondage, bestiality, and/or participant who appears to be nonconsenting, dominated, degraded, humiliated, or in a submissive role, and/or a participant who appears to be acting in a forceful, threatening, dominating, or violent manner; and/or (d) A minor, or a model or cartoon depicting a minor, in a sexually suggestive setting/pose/attire.</p>
<p>Rejection for money</p>	<p>Request from family members for money. How is it determined to be appropriate without knowing the direct relation? Especially if the person has been providing assistance.</p>	<p>This is the rejection (#33) on our rejection forms for money requested from anyone but immediate family member: "Solicits and/or contains money or anything of value from anyone other than the individual's immediate family member without prior approval from the Superintendent/designee, except authorized purchases through approved vendors." Immediate family consists of Parents, siblings, spouses, and children. Cousins are not considered "immediate" family, nor are aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc. Friends are not considered family members of any kind. We look at the people listed in OMNI as relatives and we look at the visitor list in CePrison to determine if a person is family or not. If we cannot determine relationship, we reject it.</p>
<p>Is it safe to say, about 50 percent of the population has had covid within the last 30 days? What will post covid outbreak look like hopefully within the next 30-60days?</p>	<p>LCC hopes to be out of outbreak status in the next several weeks. When we are able to get out of outbreak status LCC will return to a new normal and operations will resume similar to pre outbreak status. LCC hopes to resume</p>	<p>More information to come as we receive information from medical and HQ.</p>

	programs, work, and facility visitors as soon as it is safe to do so.	
Why do people in quarantine only receive 30 minutes out per time different from the hour received for those in isolation?	“Out Time” for quarantine vs. Covid positive differences.	There are currently 11 cohorts on quarantine status. Each cohort can only receive out time without the ability to mix with any other cohort. Covid positive residents do not have to be separated by cohort as they have no more risk of becoming affected with the virus. Therefore, the Covid positive unit is able to allow more access to dayrooms, kiosks and phones with the use of a small yard. Where the remaining of the cohort’s time has been divided equally. While we would like to provide every resident with as much time out as possible, we must ensure that safety measures are followed when taking “out time” into consideration.

Roundtable open discussion

Next meeting location: Teams Date: 03-03-2022 Time: 3:00 PM

Comments: _____

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