

## MCC Local Family Council

### Local Family Council COVID-19 Teleconference Notes

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**1. How many people are in quarantine at each MCC facility and what criteria has DOC set for an individual to receive a Covid test?**

- A. 28 COVID tests have been administered. 25 Negative, 3 pending

MCC Quarantine Units

- a. WSRU C/D Units (373) & IPU (19)
- b. TRU C Unit, A wing (70), A Unit A & B wing (112) C wing (3)
- c. MSU
- d. SOU
- e. IMU/Violator Unit, H pod (9) **total 474**

MCC Isolation Units

- a. TRU E Unit (21)
- b. IMU/Violator Unit, J Pod (13)
- c. SOU Core Infirmary (3) **total 37**

Any patients with laboratory confirmed COVID-19, or who were not tested, but are suspicious for COVID-19, will remain in isolation until they have been symptom-free for 14 days. Patients who test negative for COVID-19 will remain in isolation until they have been symptom-free for 14 days, unless they have a documented or confirmed alternative diagnosis that explains their symptoms, such as a positive influenza test. Individuals who have no symptoms yet have potentially been exposed to those who tested positive for COVID-19 will be quarantined for 14 days or until symptoms develop.

**2. When do Custody or other DOC staff utilize PPE?**

- A. DOC has developed a PPE matrix for staff use when determining appropriate PPE. For those units on Quarantine, use of gloves, surgical mask and gown during close contact such as medical screening. For isolation, glove, N95 mask, face shield and gown.

**3. Have you developed a schedule so that all the incarcerated have access to kiosk for syncing?**

- A. Each of MCC's units have different logistics (footprint) and are working to ensure access is provided.
- 4. Why does it seem the number of restrictions on usual activities keep increasing?**
- A. COVID response has affected all areas of what was formerly thought of as normal operations. We continue to follow the guidance and directives issued by the DOC Emergency Operations Unit and Incident Command. Social distancing, elimination of high contact sport activities, lowering of the number of allowed individuals in recreation areas, suspension of Visiting Programs and non-religious Volunteer Programs, have all impacted "usual activities". We have altered our Movement Schedules to allow a rotation of the units to the recreation yard and gym.
- 5. How is MCC keeping the incarcerated informed?**
- A. Memorandums are published when changes occur and posted on facility bulletin boards as well as kiosk messages.
- 6. How will EFVs be re-instated? Will those that had EFVs cancelled be on the top of the list?**
- A. If you requested or received a refund for a cancelled EFV, you will go back into the rotation. Those that did not request a refund will likely be scheduled first.
- 7. Is soap being handed out to the incarcerated for free?**
- A. Two bars of soap were delivered to each individual and we have more in stock for re-issue when necessary.
- 8. Have free phone calls been set up for the incarcerated?**
- A. Effective March 18, Global Tel Link started providing two (2) free phone calls of up to five (5) minutes each, every week to the incarcerated population. This will last until April 14, at which time it will be reviewed for possible additional options.
- Effective March 20, JPay will be providing the following discounts for incarcerated individuals, their friends and families:
- A. Reduced cost for inbound VideoGrams  
B. One free video visit credit per JPay account  
C. Two free stamps (or credits) each week credited individuals' JPay accounts
- 9. What steps have been taken to ameliorate the negative impacts of quarantine?  
Recreation?**
- A. Outside recreation yards and unit dayroom use.
- 10. Is DOC giving any thought to accelerating the release of older offenders who are most vulnerable?**

- A. The Department of Corrections is also evaluating the three statutorily sanctioned release options available to our agency. The three statues for reference are [Extraordinary Medical Placement \(RCW 9.94A.728\)](#), [Graduated Reentry \(RCW 9.94A.733\)](#) and [Furloughs \(RCW 72.66\)](#).

**11. What is the cleaning process of the VR and EFVs before re-opening?**

- A. Visiting Room surfaces and high touch areas will be cleaned with germicide solution.
- B. EFVs, surface cleaning includes walls, and all unit surface areas. Carpets will be shampooed, and cleaning of appliances.

During the COVID 19 Crisis, MCC will have weekly phone conferences on Fridays at 1 pm for 30 minutes beginning April 10<sup>th</sup>.