

MCC Local Family Council

Local Family Council COVID-19 Teleconference Notes

May 8, 2020

Family Members deemed present by sending email: Stephanie Meadows; Angela Hinton, Felix D'Allesandro , Carol Welch, Diane Durall, Christine Mathison, David & Jody Bullard, Danielle White; Josephine Johnson; Byron Coates, Lynn Barker, Carol Darby, Wendy Wilhelm, and Rob Tarver.

Participants: Ina McNeese, Kathleen Bechler; Terry Cohn; Kari Styles; Sandra Arrietta; Kaela Chang; Bill Frantz, Jack Warner; Elizabeth Kingsbury; Matthias Gyde and Joanna Carns.

Captain McNeese welcomed everyone and proceeded to answer predetermined questions.

MCC Quarantine & Isolation

LOCATION	ISOLATION	QUARANTINE	Population
SOU Core Inf.	1	-	-
IMU J-Pod	13	-	-
IMU L-Pod	6	-	-
IMU K-Pod	-	13	-
TRU A-Unit	-	46 (5/11)	-
TRU B-Unit	-	7 (5/11)	-
TRU C-Unit	-	1 (5/12) 2 (5/14)	-
TRU D-Unit	-	76 (5/8)	-
MCC Hosp. Watch	-	-	5
WSRU A-Unit	-	1	-
WSRU D-Unit	-	183 (5/12)	-
MSU A-Unit	-	19 (5/9)	-
MSU B-Unit	-	76 (5/9)	-
MSU C-Unit	-	69 (5/10)	-
TOTAL:	20	493	

Medical Questions

We have 2-3 doctors every day for at least for the next 2 months. We have on-call providers and doctors on evenings. Nurse practitioners are on nights currently. The number of individuals needing care dictates how many doctors, practitioners and nurses are on duty. We have a lot of medical staff on overtime and we have 13 contract nurses.

To get "Release of Information" forms, the patient can either inform a nurse or write a kite to medical records and they can help with the process.

Those on isolation are seen by medical staff twice per day. If they need medical attention right away, they will notify the officer who will arrange for them to be seen by medical.

Testing

The Provider sees patient and determines if testing is needed, then an order is written and an infection prevention nurse is informed to keep everyone in loop. When Testing, a nurse will collect the sample at the facility and it is sent to the Department of Health (DOH) for testing.

It is not possible to test everyone at the facility, but we do test everyone who is symptomatic. This is per guidelines from Headquarters with COVID team, using DOH and CDC guidelines. But things changing constantly. We track and report the daily accumulation of those on Quarantine, Isolation and COVID positive. I don't know that we have been tracking accumulative totals.

We have a mutual aid agreement for those needing additional care. When someone becomes sick will they be sent to one of the Regional Care Facilities if medically indicated.

JPay

We are aware there is trouble with JPay. A technician from JPay was at TRU at the time of the call and was going to all the units before he leaves to resolve the issues with syncing, downloading and video calls. We are also working on phone access issues.

There is a strain on the system because of increased use with people telecommuting at home and keeping in touch virtually. Each wing has a sign up time. JPay has parameters for periods of times. If you are not able to connect or your video visit is cancelled, you don't lose your money.

Law Library

The Law Library is available by signing up 3 nights per week. A kite can be sent to the Law Librarian to have items for legal cases brought to cell front. At this time, quarantine individuals are limited to kiting the Law Librarian. Right now there is no way to study together in the dayroom and maintain social distancing.

Soap

We have received numerous complaints from the population about the smell of the soap, and the fact that it is not anti-bacterial. This information was forwarded to the Incident Command.

A foaming non-alcohol hand sanitizer dispenser has been purchased and is pending installment in the yard, near the urinals and phones. Maintenance is at about 65% staffing right now, but it is in line for installation. The alcohol based sanitizer at the Officer station will be refilled.

Yard

At times the men get frustrated with the changes in the movement schedules. This is done to enable a rotating yard schedule to ensure everyone has time to get out and keep the numbers at the 150 maximum in the yard at any time.

Movie Channel

Superintendent Obenland talked about "Swank", an in house cable channel to show movies, which we are working to get it installed.

EFV's

If you paid for an EFV prior to the new policy coming out, the money will be kept on the books and you will pay the previous rate prior to the cancellation. The process for EFV's have changed. We will have more answers as time to resume EFV's gets nearer. Currently we still have men living in the trailers for social distancing. There are no updates on regular visiting.

COVID Care Beds

MCC WSRU EdCC Building 2 area is being made into a regional care center in order to prepare in case we get a surge for COVID care. This would be for men who are not sick enough to be considered for hospital stay. We are preparing for the worst and hoping for the best. They will have some things, like a TV and they will be able to have their JPay players with them.

Currently we have no indications of social distancing being relaxed. We are taking the Governors lead but we will be slower than the community in getting back to normal.

Education

Edmonds Community College (EdCC) are continuing distance learning. EdCC is doing a great job in delivering material and answering concerns. At this time we can't have tutoring because of the Social Distancing. The guys are doing really well with the changes.

Friday Teleconference

The use of roll call is appreciated and the calls are well organized.

The group said they like the way the phone calls are done and they appreciate the communication.

During the COVID 19 Crisis, MCC will have weekly teleconferences on Fridays at 1 pm.