

MCC Local Family Council
COVID 19 Teleconference Notes

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MCC Quarantine & Isolation

LOCATION	ISOLATION	QUARANTINE	Population
SOU Core Inf.	-	-	-
IMU J-Pod	-	-	-
IMU M-Pod	-	5	-
IMU L-Pod	16	-	-
IMU H-Pod	-	11	-
MCC Hosp. Watch	-	-	5
WSRU A-Unit	-	-	-
WSRU IPU	-	11 (5/26)	-
TRU C Unit	-	3 (6/1)	-
TOTAL:	16	30	

JPay

Why isn't everyone being let out on time for their video visit? Do you have an update on internet questions from last week?

At WSRU there was recently a problem with an individual who had his sign out, waiting to go to his visit, but he was not let out on time by the booth officer. WSRU units are putting the schedule in the booth to make it easier for the officers to people out on time.

I had several questions related to Wi-Fi and JPay. To give everyone a chance, we rotate times for JPay and Wi-Fi with meal times because we realize it can be hard to get on. We have to work to make sure quarantine and non-quarantine people do not intermingle.

Mail

Why are mail items rejected for a stain on the envelope?

We have a very strict policy on rejecting items that have stains. Unfortunately there are very ingenious methods of liquefying drugs and saturating paper products, which are then sold piecemeal in the facility. There are scanners for detecting contraband substances on/in mail, but they are cost prohibitive.

WSRU Tier 4 and single person cell assignments

At one time we were given direction to make all of tier 4 single cells. We only fill them if we have no other choice, such as segregation releases, hospital releases, or MSU disciplinary demotions. This is a slow process. We have opened up the courtesy moves.

Transfers

I have heard that transfers have started happening again. Are there transfers going in and out of MCC? We still have moratorium on transfers in and out of MCC. As room becomes available due to releases, our CUS's and Unit Sergeants have been directed to spread individuals out.

Linens and towels

Is there a possible way that the guys can get more towels? When asked they are told there are none and have been asking for 2 weeks now.

Yes. Units are capable of re-ordering. At WSRU we had the extraordinary influx of individuals when we opened the violator unit in 3A. We are monitoring to make sure we don't run out.

Recreation

The yard is limited to 150 individuals, why can't you let all 4 units at WSR go out at the same time and then cut it off at 150 individuals?

One of the issues is cross contamination of the units. During the COVID Crisis, this would make contact mapping very difficult and we would not want to quarantine an entire facility. With the numbers on quarantine and isolation going down, we could send this suggestion to the Incident Command Post to make a decision.

We talked to the tier reps about when Rec times start late and they said they would like to shorten the time and stick to the schedule as to not disrupt the rest of the day.

It has been reported that staff are not consistent in issuing Rec equipment, but we are working to improve on that. Weight balls are approved in yard for check out.

Indigent

For years, people who had \$10 or less on the books were considered indigent. This amount will increase to \$25 starting 6/11/20.

Isolation

If someone has tested positive for COVID 19, once they are symptom free, there is 14 days in isolation followed by another 7 days of isolation due to the shedding period.

There are limited activities for those in the isolation unit, but we are working to resolve the issue.

Line of Duty Death

Captain McNeese answered questions regarding the officer who died as a result to exposure to COVID 19.

Library Book cart - update

MCC doesn't own the library books so we are not able to give them out on a book cart. We can look to see if there are any boxes of books that could be distributed. The tier reps were asked to poll the population and find if they are interested in donated (used) books from the Monroe Library.....more to come.

Masks

People wearing masks have a tendency to lower them. We encourage people to wear their masks especially when they are on the phone.

Sanitizer

Not everyone knows that there is sanitizer available in the yard shack and you can get some by asking the officer.

Soap

Antibacterial soap is not recommended by infectious control because we are dealing with a virus not a bacteria so antibacterial soap will not make a difference. The soap we are giving to the population is Pure-Aid Pure Springs Aloe Vera soap.

Jpay Player Syncing questions will be sent to Headquarters for an answer.

How many have tested positive at MSU? 14. Contact mapping was done. There is no one currently on quarantine at MSU.

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