

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Monroe Correctional Complex

Date and Time: 6/12/2020, 1:00 PM

Attendees

- Lynn Barker
- David Bullard
- Jody Bullard
- Byron Coates
- Felix D'allesandro
- Caryl Darby
- Diane Durall
- Angela Hinton
- Josphine Johnson
- Christine Mathison
- Stephanie Meadows
- Julyan Pegram
- Rob Tarver
- Joanne Todd
- Carol Welch
- Danielle White
- Stephanie Beidman
- Karen Haydon
- John Padilla
- Ina McNeese
- Kathleen Bechler
- Kari Styles
- Bill Frantz
- Mark Miller
- Jack Warner
- Bill Copland
- Kaela Chong
- Caroline Melhuish

Weekly Update

- **COVID and Isolation**

Currently, MCC has 8 on Quarantine. There are 32 on isolation and we will be receiving 11 more from CRCC for a total of 43 on isolation by the end of today.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

Once we start with visiting again, what will visits look like?

Answer

With the limitations described in phase 3, we will likely have to schedule visits in a manner that allows participation of everyone, and also may include limiting the amount of time per visit.

Question 2

What phase are we in?

Answer

We are currently in Phase I

Question 3

When did the phases start?

Answer

Governor Inslee enacted Safe Start Washington on May 4th.
Secretary Sinclair published Safe Start Corrections on June 10th.

Question 4

From how I understand it, DOC is about 2 weeks behind the state phases? Is this the case?

Answer

It could be. As I've said before, what we see in the community may not represent what happens within our facilities. Our Priorities are the safety of staff and incarcerated individuals.

Question 5

Is each prison's phase based on the county they are in, or will all the prisons be on the same phase?

Answer

We will be moving forward as an agency.

Question 6

Who is on the DOC visiting committee that decided the phases?

Answer

I believe that the Visiting Committee worked with the Incident Command Post at Headquarter and met with multi-disciplines to decide.

Question 7

Are the same CO's working in the COVID unit working in the general population units?

Answer

If an Officer is on overtime or relief staff, it is possible for them to work on other units.

Question 8

Are any of the CO's being tested at work or still just being screened?

Answer

DOC does not conduct testing with staff. Screening remains in effect. Staff are to see their own provider and told to get tested if they are screened out.

Question 9

I have heard there is an Officer at WSR who eats sunflower seeds all day so he doesn't have to wear a mask. How is this possible?

Answer

If you can provide me with a name, time and location, I can look into it.

Question 10

With the governor stating now there should be mass testing in congregate areas that have positive cases, is there a plan to test the entire population?

Answer

Not to my knowledge. I have forwarded this question to medical and am awaiting a response.

Question 11

When will the kiosk machines get up and running? The one where the guys can check their accounts and email counselors.

Answer

The Kiosks were to be repaired by the end of the week, but as of now I have no update. The Population can use paper kites to contact staff until the Kiosk system is fixed.

Question 12

A question has come up when someone is transferred to the COVID unit, where will they go afterwards?

Answer

Once those individuals from Coyote Ridge Corrections Center and Airway Heights have completed treatment, they will be returned to their respective facilities.

Question 13

Can you provide an update on staffing the Law Library?

Answer

Associate Superintendent Wood has authorized staffing the Law Libraries across MCC with a Correctional Officer. We hope to have our Law Library staff back by the end of the month.

Additional Questions

Question 1

When will the regular LFC meetings begin again in the training center?

Answer

We don't have a date yet.

Question 2

Are you planning on doing an appointment system for visiting?

Answer

Phase 3 visiting will be at 50% or up to 50 people. We may do an appointment system and limit time for visiting. We are still open to ideas.

Question 3

Are you planning on having video meetings for regular LFC Meetings?

Answer

There are no plans for video meetings at this time.

Question 4

Are there still people living in the EFV Trailers?

Answer

Yes. The people in the EFV trailers have been identified as high risk and this is done to keep them safe and Socially Distanced.

Question 5

The soap the population are given has a bad smell. I appreciate the teleconference notes being given to the population but could they be emailed to the LFC as well since there is a delay in getting them posted?

Answer

Yes, they can be sent to the council as well.

Question 6

Should the Local Family Council contact Headquarters to see if we can speed up visiting?

Answer

This could be a question the Statewide Family Council Representative could ask.

Question 7

Will the Education building be available for the Education?

Answer

Education Building 1 will be available for the summer quarter July 1 to August 20th. Classroom service will not be impacted. CTAC will not return until fall.

Question 8

EFV's will not resume until the 4th phase. Why?

Answer

I don't have an answer as I am not on the phase planning team.

Comments/Closing

- COVID UNIT

One of the family members of a patient from CRCC who is staying in the IMU Isolation unit says he appreciates the way he has been treated and wanted to share that with IMU staff.

This has been a long week getting the COVID unit up and running.

Stay safe and happy.