

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Monroe Correctional Complex

Date and Time: 6/19/2020, 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
- Joanne Todd
- Carol Welch
- Danielle White
- Stephanie Beidman
- Karen Haydon
- John Padilla
- Ina McNeese
- Kathleen Bechler
- Kari Styles
- Bill Frantz
- Jack Warner
- Melida Ferrell
- Kaela Chong
- Joanna Carns

Weekly Update

- **COVID and Isolation**

CRCC has 38 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among staff, including four in Correctional Worker Core training, and 91 confirmed cases among its incarcerated population, as of June 18, 2020.

We are sad to hear Individual Victor Bueno passed away due to COVID 19. Mr. Bueno arrived at CRCC on March 12th 2019 and was expected to release in September, 2020.

Currently, MCC has 8 on Quarantine. There are 49 on isolation and we will be receiving 11 more from CRCC for a total of 58 on isolation by the end of today.

Once those individuals from Coyote Ridge Corrections Center and Airway Heights have completed treatment, they will be returned to their respective facilities when it is determined safe to do so. As you can see by the numbers at CRCC, there is work being done to isolate and quarantine almost three-quarters of the facility. This will affect how soon we may be able to return affected individuals.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

Is MCC labeled a Regional Care Facility? If so, why is it not listed on the DOC site like Airway Heights is? If not, why are so many being transferred to MCC?

Answer

MCC-WSRU will be cited as a Regional Care Facility when it opens. This may occur as early as next week if the numbers at CRCC continue to rise.

Question 2

With MCC having a new case, has the contact tracing shown that the staff working with that individual also work in the COVID unit?

Answer

Contact mapping is completed by the Occupation Health Nursing staff. No DOC staff members were considered to be at risk and placed on quarantine. The individual that reported symptoms consistently wore a mask, as do staff.

Contact mapping for staff is completed when a staff member is symptomatic, or tests positive for COVID. In these cases it would be determined where that employee worked and whom they came into contact with. In the instance of determining an incarcerated individual must be placed on quarantine or isolation, contact mapping includes who the individual may have exposed and if there were significant exposure (not utilizing PPE, social distancing and/or close contact for 10 minutes or more). When it is determined that exposure was significant enough to place a staff member on quarantine, whomever that employee came into contact with after the exposure is considered secondary and insignificant.

In short, no. It *has not* been determined that staff who worked the COVID Unit (In the IMU) created an exposure in the living units. Officers who work in the new RCF (WSR Education building 2) unit will only be permitted to work on that unit when it opens. This is due to the open bay layout and has been agreed upon by the union.

Question 3

Regarding the phases - will they go backwards if more positive cases happen or will they freeze at that phase before moving on?

What requirements need to be met before moving on to the next phase?

Answer

Safe Start Phases are determined by a multi-discipline team at Headquarters. If there were a significant event that resulted in facility quarantine, like we experienced in March and April it could impact further restriction on movements. I would suggest that you pose further questions to the Statewide Family Council.

Question 3

- **Visiting**

Visit states 3 people per table, does that include our loved one as one of those 3 or 3 visitors and our loved one?

Answer

That would be a total of 3 per table, which includes individual with 2 visitors.

Question 4

- **Correctional Industries:**

Is there an update on when CI will be starting to produce glasses again? On the conference call May 15th, you stated the anticipated production would start again mid-June.

Answer

Yes, we anticipate opening in early July.

Question 5

- **Movie Channel**

Can you give us an update on the Movie Channel?

Answer

All necessary equipment to provide a movie channel is now installed. We are now determining who will be responsible for the process. Hoping to have it up and running soon but can't estimate the start date.

Question 6

- **Pay Compensation**

The pay cap was raised from \$55 to \$70 to allow extra cleaning. As of May 31, pay reverted back to old cap of \$55. Yet, some are working 6 hours a day 7 days a week. Shouldn't they continue getting paid at the higher rate?

Answer

The pay cap remains at \$70 dollars, however, this is for hours worked. For now, this increased cap is through the end of June.

Question 7

- **Ice Cream**

Can you give us an update on the Ice Cream for inmates at WSR?

Answer

CPM Styles has identified a vendor. She and one of our Classification staff are working out the details. WSRU is doing a Taco Bell fund raiser also.

Question 7

- **Facility Kiosks**

The institutional kiosk is still out and there are no paper kites. When is the kiosk estimated to be up? When will the men have paper kites?

Answer

We have plenty of paper kites which have been distributed. The most recent update provided by Headquarters IT on June 15th indicated work continues. We were not provided with an estimated repair date.

Update: As of 6-22-20 the Kiosk system was reported to be up and running.

Question 7

- **JPay**

When is Wi-fi expected to be back up? When are the visiting Kiosks expected to be up? JPAY messages are either not happening or taking forever to sync.

Answer

CPM Cohn has been on vacation this past few days, but I have been in contact with Headquarters regarding our Wi-Fi failures. I have not had any reports of tablets shutting down for failure to sync and believe that work has been done to ensure that doesn't happen.

Question 8

- **Law Library**

Can we get an update on the Law Library?

Answer

Associate Superintendent Wood authorized custody staff to work the Law Libraries during scheduled hours.

Additional Questions

Question 1

Can our statewide concerns please be brought up with the Statewide Family Council?

Answer

Yes, SFC Representative Felix D'allesandro will ask the questions brought up by LFC.

Question 2

Why are the Kiosks down? Were they hacked into?

Answer

I don't know the answer to that.

Question 3

With some of the business office staff teleworking, how long does it take to find out how much money is on the books?

Answer

Classification staff have worked out a system and set up hours to answer account questions. Systems have been put in place to accommodate and I have not heard of any problems.

Question 4

How long before the CI optical starts up again?

Answer

CI is getting ready to get back up and working again. I expect they will be starting up soon

Comments/Closing

Thank you everyone.