

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** Monroe Correctional Complex

**Date and Time:** 6/26/2020, 1:00 PM

## Attendees

- Lynn Barker
- Byron Coates
- Felix D'Allesandro
- Caryl Darby
- Kim Day
- Diane Durall
- Angela Hinton
- Josphine Johnson
- Stephanie Meadows
- Rob Tarver
- Joanne Todd
- Carol Welch
- Stephanie Beidman
- John Padilla
- Ina McNeese
- Kathleen Bechler
- Kari Styles
- Bill Frantz
- Jack Warner
- Terry Cohn
- Mark Miller
- Susan Biller
- Bill Copland
- LaQuesha Turner

## Weekly Update

- **COVID and Isolation**

MCC has 64 patients from CRCC and AHCC on isolation due to COVID in the IMU and 3 on Quarantine. We will be moving our Violators to the Old Segregation Unit to house the recovered CRCC COVID patients in 3A while they are shedding and until they can safely return to CRCC.

Last week we sent out an email asking if we could cancel next week's meeting if we send out an update notification on COVID related changes and most agreed. We will not blind copy emails in the future to give a chance for discussion amongst LFC members.

Bill Copland, Community Corrections Specialist works with CRCC and said they appreciate MCC for helping out with their COVID pandemic.

## Pre-Submitted Questions

- **COVID**

### Question 1

Face Masks – clarification with Inslee’s new rule for everybody to wear mask in WA unless social distancing. How will this rule be observed in the chow Hall?

Answer

Individuals wear masks into the dining hall, while collecting their meal and through seating. Remove mask, eat, replace mask and depart dining hall.

### Question 2

Now with MCC being labeled as a Regional Care Facility, how are you deciding who will be placed in the Regional Care Facility (RFC) vs the Covid Unit?

Answer

To date, we have not opened the RCF at WSR. We will only do so when the 100 bed Covid Unit is full. Those arriving after that will be housed in the RCF, unless there is a security concern requiring a single cell, newly arriving Covid patients will go to the RCF.

### Question 3

When individuals are transferred from other counties to MCC, due to testing positive, does this affect the county's positive case count and would affect them from moving to the next phase?

Answer

How the Department of Health tracks Covid patients is outside of my purview. All I can tell you for sure is that DOC counts positive cases at facility of origin. For instance, today’s number indicate that MCC has 19 positive cases. Those cases originated here as their parent unit.

### Question 4

Has the schedule of the DOC's State Start Plan been placed in all the living units at all the facilities?

Answer

Copies were distributed to all MCC living units. Unfortunately all of our bulletin boards may not be behind glass and there are times when individuals will remove things. If you hear of a specific unit concern, please let us know and we can re-post.

### Question 5

Would it be possible to go over the situation at CRCC at today’s conference call? I read that there is another inmate who died and that there were 91 inmates with confirmed Covid infection. They keep sending guys to MCC so my question is does the 91 inmates include the fellows they have sent over; or are the inmates we have in addition to the 91 still at CRCC?

Answer

As of this morning, CRCC is reporting 112 positive covid cases amongst the population, and 2 incarcerated covid deaths. In short, yes, the numbers CRCC is reporting does include those that are sent to MCC.

### Question 5

- **Incoming Chain**

Clarification of the upcoming chain movements with 21 individuals coming to MCC and 4 leaving.

Answer

Courts have not stopped convicting people of new crimes, therefore WCC is full, and individuals have been sleeping on the floor. That is not humane or sustainable. Individuals arriving will be medically screened prior to departure, and rescreened upon arrival.

### Question 6

- **JPAY and Wi-Fi**

JPAY and Wi-Fi in D Unit.

- In D unit Jpay kiosk 011 is down (the Non video visit kiosk) – same issue that occurred previously on #21 Kiosk - same thing as in the past with the other Kiosk - the keyboard is not responding. D unit is down to just the video visiting kiosk 021 at the moment.
- Wi-Fi in D unit is not working. To sync a player one needs to come down to a spot where the Wi-Fi signal is available from C Unit.

Answer

All reports have been forwarded to JPay customer service and headquarters.

### Question 7

- **WSR 6/22/20**

WSR went into lockdown on Monday evening as they were headed to the mainline, then didn't get dinner till about 7:00, nobody seems to know why, can you please fill us in?

Answer

The 4pm formal count resulted in a recount and the deployment of Escape Teams. Unfortunately due the size and scope of the amount of movement in and out due to violators and transports of individuals an error occurred in the reporting of a released violator. This failure has been resolved. I am extremely grateful this is not a common occurrence.

### Question 7

In the C/D hall there were 2 guards not wearing masks after there had been the 5 from before. Now with it mandatory statewide, what will happen if they aren't wearing them?

Answer

The shift III Sergeant has been made aware, along with the unit sergeants who should be at mainline supervising staff.

### Question 7

- **Law Library**

With staff /CO's who are filling in using overtime, there have been instances when an inmate needed to e-file a document and the only person who is approved to e-file within MCC or at WSR (?) is Ms. Kastle. Can there be a mechanism when an inmate needs to e-file that staff can know to email Ms. Kastle to provide the mechanism to e-file documents.

Answer

This has been posted on the units. Individuals that require e-filing assistance must notify their unit CUS, who will in turn notify our designated staff member who handles attorney visits and AG inquiries. She has been responding to all MCC units to complete E-filing.

## Additional Questions

### Comment

I like to encourage the Family Council to reply all so we know how the rest of the Family Council feels on a subject. Using the blind cc prohibits our ability to interface amongst each other.

### Question 1

What is the climate on the units? I hear there are more fights and I seem to be getting mixed messages and there is a lack of programs.

#### Answer

With Religious services opening up, there will be Juneteenth, religious activities and education has increased which should give the individuals more to do. .

### Question 2

What about the tension and communication?

#### Answer

The population can get depressed with all that is going on and the changes. We have Mental Health staff that are available and are communicating how to get mental health resources which are available to them. Everyone can get a little tense and we work to alleviate the tension.

### Question 3

Will the incarcerated individuals arriving from Shelton be quarantined when they arrive?

#### Answer

We will forward the question to Incident Command. There is no active COVID at WCC and they have had only one case in total so the risk is minimal.

### Question 4

What will visiting look like with Safe Start? Will there be limited numbers of visitors. Will there be a fair chance for all to visit?

#### Answer

I don't have the details on what visiting looks like. Each week we are given other tasks and we haven't had the chance to look at how to start visiting and we don't know when visiting will happen. It is fair to assume there will be social distancing requirements, we've already been advised that there will be a limit of three persons per table.

### Question 5

We appreciate the information sent out regarding Statewide Family Council. I heard medical masks are being taken away and cloth masks are being issued. Can you give us an update?

#### Answer

Captain Frantz said that an emergency supply of masks are given to the most vulnerable and they are given to those who are working food services The Surgical masks are getting to be in short supply and are meant to only be for a single use as they can't be laundered. We gave out clean cloth masks that can be washed.

Note: We are still making masks and still accepting fabric donations for the masks

### Question 6

Jpay has been giving better service as they want to renew the contract. If they get the contract will they go back to the bad service?

Answer

I don't know. We certainly hope that is not the case.

#### Question 7

When Education opens up, what will it look like?

Answer

The summer quarter will have most of its programs through Edmonds Community College with social distancing, except CTAC. UBB will continue to operate remotely.

#### Question 8

Thank you for all you are doing for the patients from CRCC as you can imagine we are having a hard time. What can be done to increase communication?

Answer

We are trying to get more access to phones, the cells in 3A have open bars and open phone access with cleaning between uses. We are working to get a Kiosk or Wi-Fi in 3A. There is an outdoor exercise yard for the unit. We are working to make the area more comfortable.

### Comments/Closing

Our next teleconference will be on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Kathleen will be sending out an email with the details. Thank you everyone.