

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Details

Facility: Monroe Correctional Complex

Date and Time: 3/5/2021, 1pm – 2pm

Attendees

Lynn barker
David Bullard
Jody Bullard
Karen Cain
Felix D'Allesandro
Diane Durall
Katherine Falla
Laynara Ferriera
Joanne Glant
Angela Hinton
Diana Knesek
Bridget Moline
Cait Moore
Diane Pasta
Carol Welch
Emma Westerman
Tracy Daniels
Susan Collins
Pete Maxson
Eric Jackson
Kari Styles
Melida Ferrell
Bill Frantz
Leslie O'Connor
Karen Haydon
Jack Warner
Steven Sager
Kaela Chong
Heather Trenk
Mark Miller
Teri Cohn
Ina McNeese
Kathleen Bechler

Weekly Update

Last 30 days confirmed COVID cases 148. Total number of confirmed cases 550.

The WSRU Gym which has been housing Asymptomatic COVID patients is in the process of being dismantled. I expect we will be opening it for you possibly by Monday.

Update: Maintenance will not be able to remove the temporary structures completely until Monday 3/8/21 then it will be cleaned and sanitized. The Gym will likely be opened on Tuesday 3/9/21.

The RDCF (Rapid Deployment Care Facility) is now empty, the staff who were working the unit have gone back to their regular job. THE RDCF will be kept in ready condition in case it is need until Medical and HQ declares it no longer necessary.

Effective June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 DOC will be piloting a Bi-monthly package program. It is what you all know as the Quarterly Package Program. Information regarding this topic is being drafted for distribution to the incarcerated population so you will be hearing further details soon.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

The issue is, when the incarcerated individual gets the notice of where the Jpay video call is it originally can be in the unit and then that video visit can be moved by the Jpay system from the unit to day room, for no reason. The incarcerated can't move it, and only the Jpay system.

Also most family members, who do video calls, are not free for calls at any time during the day, and they have a limited schedule. The facility should not be denying a Jpay video visit, based on the day room schedule. It's really complicated for the outside and inside to always have to be in line with the dayroom schedule for a video call. Since C and D units interact in meal time, and in hallway, and other places, there should be no reason that there can't be a 6 foot area between the person on the video visit, and the others unit (C or D) in the dayroom.

Answer

You are correct in that the Jpay system selects which terminal the video will occur at based on the individuals housing assignment (either the one on the unit floor, or the dayroom).

C and D units go to the dining halls separately. If, as suggested, there has been co-mingling of the units in the dining hall or hallways, that is certainly something the CPM and I will have to address.

We are completely out of options to ensure all incarcerated have equal access to dayrooms and recreation (Not to mention all the other services and programs available). We are all committed to finding creative ways to both follow the cohorting directive and provide access to services.

There was tier rep meeting today and the main issue is the cohorting.

Question 2

We understand the cohorts, but guys from the D unit were walking through the C unit to go talk to the Sergeants office... This means they are mixing and going in each other units. How can this be changed? Also, I guess there were guys from all 4 units at the same time going down to get new clothes. Can you please address this?

Answer

I spoke with both of the Unit CUS's regarding this. They have provided clear instructions that there will be no traveling to the Sergeant's Office if individuals are not assigned to that side of the units. Sergeants have been directed to make themselves available for access on each unit and respond when needed.

Question 3

Can DOC post current legislative bills and make them available to the population?

Answer

I have reached out to our Law Librarian. When I receive a response I will share it with the group and update the LFC notes.

Additional Questions

Question 1

Population was grateful for the comfort items but were surprised and unaware of where they came from and why.

Answer

Likely in our push to get them out, the communication piece may have been missed.

Question 2

Will the Send a Hug Pictures for families be available at all the units?

Answer

Yes, we will send this out to all the units and we do one unit at a time. Everyone has a chance to sign up and make the pictures. There were also photos taken at the holidays. Some don't like to do pictures as they must wear a mask in the picture.

Comment

JPay has extended free communications up to April 30. You can get 2 free visits this year. To make sure you get them, call PJay for your free video visits.

Question 3

My loved one has asked both his Counselor and Health Services for the DOC 13-023 Health Services Release of Information and has been told there are none available.

Answer

I will reach out directly to that unit CUS to get this resolved.

Question 4

Union Supply Direct requires you to have a credit card in the USA to be able to order. I am not able to send anything as I live overseas and don't have a credit card in the us. How can I get money to my loved one?

Answer

This is something I have not heard of this. Please send an email and I will try to get more information.

Question 5

What is the status of the vaccinations?

Answer

COVID Vaccination Clinics were held at SOU today, 3/5/21. WSRU Clinic will occur on Monday 3/8/21, followed by the MSU on 3/10/21. Participation is voluntary. The requirements to get the vaccine are the same tier stages as in the community.

Comments/Closing

Teams meeting and the blind CC caused us some problems getting the meeting invitation out and we appreciate your patience. We will talk to you next week.

Have a good weekend everyone!