

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Details

**Facility:** Monroe Correctional Complex

**Date and Time:** 08/27/21/2021, 1pm – 2pm

Quote of the Day:

"We are not here merely to make a living.....we are here to enrich the lives of others....and we impoverish ourselves if we neglect this errand."

## Attendees

Lynn Barker

Felix D'Allesandro

Julie Dagnoko

Caryl Darby

Diane Durall

Katherine Falla

Angela Hinton

Stephanie Meadows

Bridget Molina

Cait Moore

Ron O'Neil

Diane Pasta

Rob Tarver

Joanne Todd

Annie Trepanier

Carol Welch

Byron Coates

Angee Schrader

George Gilbert

John Padilla

Monica Ritter

Kaela Chong

Karen Haydon

Ron Klamert

Kristi Webb

Kari Styles

Rachael Symon

Leslie O'Conner

Terri Cohn

Lisa Anderson

Ina McNeese

Kathleen Bechler

## Weekly Update

MCC has 4 confirmed cases of COVID-19, that individual is a Violator from the community. MCC has had a total of 559 Incarcerated/Violators with confirmed COVID. An increase of 3 since our last meeting.

To date, MCC has had 189 confirmed staff cases, an increase of 17 since our last meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Extended Family Visiting

We will schedule EFVs for the month of September for WSRU incarcerated and re-evaluate for future months, depending on who is still housed at WSRU. Incarcerated and their families must understand that EFVs may be canceled if their loved-one is transferred prior to the visit.

- EFVs are scheduled in the order that they were originally scheduled last March-May.
- We are still scheduling WSRU EFVs with the caveat that due to the closure and transfers, we cannot guarantee that the visit will happen.

- If your EFV visit is canceled due to transfer, your funds will remain in your EFV account. In the event that you want a refund, please contact inmate banking.

### **State Family Council Representative**

State Family Council Representative Felix D’Allesandro sent out a Family Council feedback survey. Please let him know if you didn’t receive it. Felix is involved in working with the IIBF and Mail Policy. If you have questions or input, please email him.

### **MCC Family Council Co-Chair Joanne Todd**

MCC Local Family Council co-chair Joanne Todd said her visit went very well. Staff were professional and are doing a good job.

Kindness is free and a good place to start.

### **Community Partnership Program**

This weekend at the Community Corrections office parking lot we are handing out the “Back to School backpacks” on Saturday and Sunday 9 am to 4 pm. You must be on the approved visitor list to participate.

Family and Volunteer Services Manager Dawn Taylor is here today looking at visiting, visit room and Extended Family Visit trailers. Dawn Taylor is working in her new position out of headquarters. Dawn will be working with Families and incarcerated individuals to learn and grow. Email Address is DOCHQFamilyservices@doc1.wa.gov.

Please submit your survey by Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>. Primary information from the survey will be shared at the SFC on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Questions

### Question 1

We had an in-person visit with our Love one and it went well. I read about a TB outbreak at CBCC, is there any TB outbreaks at MCC?

### Answer

No, not to my knowledge.

### Question 2

What about scheduling visits for our loved ones at WSRU? Will we still be able to visit?

### Answer

We are scheduling visits for WSR only through September due to transfer dates.

Note; we will continue with Visiting at WSRU as long as there are incarcerated individuals assigned here.

### Question 3

Can you give us an update on the closures?

#### Answer

Superintendents Jackson and Warner are both on vacation this week. There is no new information on closure. I will share with you as I get information.

#### Question 4

Have the EFV Procedures changed?

#### Answer

I don't know the process has changed, but I will look into it for you. EFV price has increased for new scheduling.

#### Question 5

With now having longer visits, can I bring in sealed snacks to visits?

#### Answer

No, not yet.

#### Question 6

If MCC WSRU Reopens, will those who lived there previously get priority to return?

#### Answer

In short, I don't know. We will be maintaining the units. Maintenance has a list of items that need to be kept up, like flushing toilets, turning on water, opening and closing cell doors to keep everything operable.

#### Question 7

My visit went very well. Are staff still issuing new masks?

#### Answer

Yes

#### Question 8

If we come in for a visit, do we have to stay the whole time?

#### Answer

No

#### Question 9

If we are having 3 people visit, do we have to arrive at the same time?

#### Answer

It is preferred, yes. However, that is not always possible as people may be arriving from different locations. Each incarcerated individual gets 1 visit per month with up to 3 visitors at the same time. We are scheduling visits and visits will get busier as we go.

#### Question 10

Vaccinated people can still get the virus, does that change the process for visiting?

### Answer

No, it has not changed the process yet. I am committed to making sure you are all provided updates as they occur.

### Question 11

My Loved one moved from WSRU to MSU and now we are having difficulties booking video visit slots. Do you know why?

### Answer

JPay terminals at MSU are located in the dayroom and has to work with the dayroom schedule. The times are set and I don't think there are more times available, but I can ask.

### Question 12

I hear there are staff who are not wearing masks. Why?

### Answer

All staff must wear a mask unless they are alone in an office with door closed. Staff who don't wear their mask are dealt with through corrective action. As we hear of anyone not wearing a mask, we check into it and follow up with disciplinary action.

### Question 13

I don't see the goal of closing WSRU by September 30th to be reasonable. There are 550 incarcerated to move out and I don't see being able to move 137 per week while following COVID protocols.

### Answer

COVID may interrupt the plans to close WSRU by September 30<sup>th</sup>, but I don't know. Many facilities are dealing with COVID clusters and limited outbreak, this will have an effect on our ability to conduct transfers safely.

### Question 14

When you find the information on EFV changes and allowable list, can you please look for discrepancies. It gets confusing.

### Answer

I will see what I can do.

## Comments/Closing

Thank you everyone. We will talk to you in two weeks.