

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: MCCCW

Date and Time: 7/20/2020, 1:00PM

Attendees

- Name: Rob Herzog, Asst. Secretary – Prison Division; Dennis Tabb, Superintendent, Maria Hall, Lieutenant; Chrislee McConnaughey, CPPC; Mike Eby, Family Services Unit; Paige Perkinson, Communications
- Name: Paula Bond, LFC member

HQ Update – Rob Herzog, Assistant Secretary-Prison Division

- **Pandemic:** In March 2020 the pandemic became all-consuming for DOC. DOC implemented massive amounts of protocols for staff and our population to continue agency operations. What we quickly realized was some past sound correctional practices would need to be adjusted to get us through these extremely hard times. Our staff and incarcerated individuals have responded well to this epic event.
- **Outbreak Update:** The initial outbreak at Monroe Complex was scary for staff and the population. And the recent outbreak at Coyote Ridge is significant with 230+ individuals testing positive and 50+ staff. DOC has tested the entire population and are serial testing staff, every seven days. Two large tents have been brought in, housing 100 beds with an additional 50 beds in the Gym and 20 beds in the Chapel to isolate the population, as needed.
Unfortunately, there has been another outbreak at MCC-MSU. We have just completed testing of the entire population and are also implementing serial testing of employees at MCC.
- **Ultimate Goal:** Our ultimate goal is safety, security and the health of both our staff and population.
- **DOC Reopening Phases:** Moving forward our operations will become a new normal with infused practices learned by this pandemic so we hope to be better prepared for future large scale events. DOC phasing will happen about three weeks after each state new phase opening. This gives DOC enough time to see how each phase is doing statewide, before implementing the same phases in DOC. Current there is no date or time to reopen DOC visitation or programming. Face coverings, social distancing and health monitoring will all be part of the reopening plan.
- **Budget:** Along with the pandemic, comes budget challenges mandated by the Governor and Office of Financial Management. The DOC has been directed to reduce our budget by 15%. Much of our budget is non-discretionary spending but we hope to be able to maintain current levels of programming. No additional/new projects spending will occur.

Weekly Update - MCCCW

- **Capacity:** Total number of individuals at MCCCW – 184
61 in Gold Unit ☻ 49 in Bear Unit ☻ 74 in Mission Unit
- No individuals are isolated nor quarantined with COVID related symptoms.
- **Transfers:** 7 transfers from WCCW, today. Health evaluation completed prior to transporting to MCCCW.
- **Others Releases:** 2 released and 3 will go to Work Release, this week.
- **CRCC staffing:** No MCCCW staff have gone to CRCC to help with pandemic.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

Who do we talk to about Video Visiting? This is so important for the health and well-being of our loved ones. Friday night my visit was cut short. What caused this?

Answer

It is a band width issue. Please ensure when problems occur to let us know. Also during statewide council call an email address established with JPay for families to email them directly.

Additional Questions

Question 1

How is hot water doing?

Answer

Hot water is still working.

Question 2

Any new update of water quality?

Answer

Test have come back OK. Testing is every 30 days.

Comments/Closing

Next call will be Monday, July 27 at 1:00PM.