

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** MCCCW

**Date and Time:** 7/19/2021, 1:00PM

## Attendees

Dennis Tabb, Superintendent; Karin Arnold, Corr. Prog. Manager; Chrislee McConnaughey, Comm. Partnership Prog. Coord.; Mike Eby, Family Services; Jeremy Barclay, Director - Engagement & Outreach; Monica Ritter, Engagement/Outreach; Gordon Sprague, Plant Mgr.; Paula Bond, LFC Member

## Weekly Update

- Population Update – Total Population 135  
36 in Bear Creek Unit    44 in Mission Creek Unit        53 in Gold Creek Unit
- 0 individuals isolated
- 0 individuals quarantined
- MCCCW has no COVID-19 related issues
- Facility continues to be on cohort status.

## Facility Update

- Water issue at facility presented trace amounts of coliform bacteria and e-coli.
- Currently looking for cause. Extreme temperature from late June played a part.
- Out of an abundance of caution the facility moved to bottled water for drinking and brushing teeth. Additionally, instructions were given to not use the water fountain, hot shot or ice machine and to use warm water with soap to wash personal dishes. Individuals may continue to shower with soap/shampoo, as normal.
- Recommendation from Dept of Health to shock water system with chlorination.
- System was drained to half capacity and a mixture of chlorine and clean water was added. Currently waiting for chlorination to work through system.
- Mason County Water District was out last Thursday, July 22, 2021 and reported back to Dept of Health. Everything looked good but recommended cleaning the seal around the hatch to the water system. This has been done and resealed.

## Additional Questions

### Question 1

In addition to current water issue, why was there a draft report back in 2004 showing levels of lead and cooper?

### Answer

Samples taken for that report showed trace amounts and no contamination but created a false positive for trace amounts of lead and cooper. This may have been caused by shock chlorination, which was done quarterly, back then. This is one of the reasons why there was hesitation to shock chlorinate for this current water issue.

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## Question 2

Why are individuals in Mission Unit sick?

## Answer

Unit individuals are currently being accessed for Norovirus. All individuals are no longer sick as of last Friday, July 16, 2021 and were removed from quarantine on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. It is highly unlikely the sickness came from drinking the facility water.

## Comments/Closing

Our next COVID-19 Informational Briefing will be on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 1:00pm.