

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

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Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 7-8-20, 3:00-4:00pm

Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Associate Penrose, Fac. Secy Tatro, CPM Bohon, CPM Secy. Myers
- DOC staff – Caroline Melhuish, Family Services
- OCO's Office – M. Gyde
- LFC Officers – State Rep Cooksey, Co-Chair Fry & Family Secy. Lewis
- Family Members – D. Sifres, J. Revay, H. Dockery, S. Hitchcock, J. Dameron, C. & J. Giles, & K. Stuart Stevenson

Weekly Updates

1. **Extension of Incarcerated Individual Gratuity Cap Increase** - Due to the budget shortfall, the Department will keep the gratuity cap for Class III positions at \$70.00 through July 31, 2020 at which time it will revert to \$55.00.
2. **Free Calls and JPay offerings extended** – All incarcerated individuals will continue to receive two (2) free five (5) minute phone calls per week through July 31, 2020. If these calls are not used by end of period ending July 31st, no credit will be given. From July 12th to August 12, 2020 – JPay will continue offering 1) Free Reply Wednesdays; 2) Two (2) free video visitation calls & 3) Two (2) free JPay stamps.

Follow-up to last week's questions

1. Question – Concerns regarding diabetic menu with increased sugar.
Answer – The diabetic menu is set by the state Dietician and followed to the letter. There are no adjustments made by facility.
2. Question - Family members were told that only carrots are being provided rather than celery or other veggies with lunch boats. Can other veggies that are lower on glycemic index be added with lunch boats?
Answer: Carrots, celery, and a fresh fruit are provided. These items may be rotated.
3. Question - Food trays/silverware having leftover food & film left on them & being used to serve the population (i.e. chili from 6-28 meal – silverware/trays were not clean). This has been an ongoing issue and families were told this would be fixed. Cleaning efforts should be increased, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Answer: We utilize the state guidelines of the three compartment sink cleaning method. Water temp, cleanliness, and chemical disinfectant levels are strictly monitored.
4. Question - Families asking for a commercial dishwasher to be installed. If the money is not in the budget to purchase, can the FSM estimate costs and share that amount on the next conference call? The families would like to help out if possible.
Answer - Dishwashers are not feasible. We utilize the state mandated three sink method.
**D. Sifres states she thought SCCC previously had one but it broke down and then SCCC began using 3 sink method. CPM Bohon states that the maintenance on the dishwasher was very expensive, so it was taken out.
5. Question – The bread in the lunch boats appears to be of a lesser quality than previously provided and is sometimes moldy. Can this please be looked into?
Answer – The FSM forwarded this issue to CI for resolution.

**FSM Attard will continue to be invited to attend our weekly teleconferences to address questions from family members. He will attend as his schedule allows.

Pre-Submitted Questions - None

Additional Questions -

Question 1

Per D. Sifres, will the furlough and budget shortfall cause issues with Toy Time or Hobby Shop and will they continue to be offered to the population?

Answer

SCCC Recreation staff continue to manage these programs with the staff we have in place. Per Recreation staff Worsham, Toy Time will continue to be offered every Saturday am and Wednesday pm, but if there are events taking place on a Saturday, Toy Time would not be offered that day but continue on the following Wednesday. Hobby Shop continues to be offered on a daily basis as Recreation staff stagger their furlough days to accommodate.

Question 2

Will there be further repercussions from the budget shortfall to other Departments?

Answer

We will not know until the new budget comes out which could be a couple of months from now. DOC's fiscal budget goes from July 1st through June 30th. We are anticipating less monies to be available, but won't have solid numbers until the new budget is released.

Question 3

Per J. Revay, the bread in the lunch boats is not fresh. Can this be looked into?

Answer

The FSM contacted CI and this is being addressed.

Question 4

Per State Rep Cooksey, are the incarcerated individuals being infraacted if not wearing their masks? Will they receive infractions if they are writing/drawing on their masks? If staff members are not wearing their masks, are they disciplined?

Answer

SCCC is using a progressive discipline technique with the population beginning first with a discussion between the incarcerated individual and staff member. If an unauthorized mask is confiscated, a BOE will be made and new mask given to replace the confiscated mask. If repeated issues are experienced with that incarcerated individual, a minor infraction could be issued. However, staff are instructed to make every effort to de-escalate and discuss instead of infract. Staff are continually being reminded to wear their face masks at all times and if they do not, it is addressed. Authorized masks for the population are white of which at least 3 have been provided consisting of 2 white bandana mask kits from HQ and 1 white SCCC cloth mask with ear loops. Additional white masks with ear loops are continuing to be made and provided to the units to use in place of the defaced and colored/patterned masks that are being confiscated. Our hope is to provide at least 2 or 3 of the white cloth ear loop masks for each incarcerated individual.

Question 5

Per J. Dameron, her loved one is experiencing issues with JPay downloads and WI FI issues. What is being done to resolve this?

Answer

CPM Bohon commented that JPay put out a fix last week and recommended to users to update so that the fix could go through. If issues are encountered, please contact JPay so it can be resolved.

Question 6

Per K. Stuart Stevenson, what are the current COVID-19 numbers at SCCC?

Answer

The current numbers at SCCC are: 0 ISO, 0 Quarantine, 3 transfers from CRCC. SCCC's current number for COVID-19 testing is 46.

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATED TO ALL CRCC TRANSFERS**** Please read the below information regarding COVID-19 protocols for all facility transfers. This information was included in our 7-1-20 COVID-19 Tier Rep Meeting Minutes, which was sent to all units for posting to SCCC population:

- Individuals were tested in coordination with WA Dept. of Health, National Guard and DOC.
- All incarcerated individuals boarding the transport bus must wear a face covering. Staff are required to follow PPE protocols.
- Transportation protocols for individuals transferring between DOC facilities will have a temperature taken prior to boarding and upon exiting the transport bus.
- Transportation protocols for individuals with a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees are immediately directed to don a surgical mask, placed in an isolated area and seen by health services.
- Transportation vehicles are cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- Individuals are promotions and/or demotions from CRCC Ad-Seg.
- Individuals have been on Ad-Seg status and quarantined in Restrictive Housing for 14 days, most more than 14 days.
- Individuals have been tested twice with negative results, this is referred to as "double negative testing."
- Individuals that have been identified as asymptomatic by medical professionals.

Question 7

Per H. Dockery, can the movies played on Channel 25 be changed out more frequently? It seems like the same movies are played over and over again.

Answer

The movies played on Channel 25 are done using a multi-disc system and so they play at during different times of the day. We have a process in place to change them less frequently as this requires staff to leave their office and physically go to a different location to change out the disc. This has been addressed with staff working after 4:30pm Monday through Friday; however, if something else is going at the time of changing the movies, movies takes the lowest priority. Safety and security are first and foremost.

Question 8

Per D. Sifres, is there another field day planned for the population?

Answer

There are no contact/team sports permitted right now due to contact of the same object by all participants, which increases the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 virus. A response will be provided during next week's teleconference from Associate Van Ogle's office. **Per Associate Van Ogle's office: Unfortunately, as of now we cannot plan or schedule the next field day event since it is made up from the winning participants from the original events. Until we are able to recombine the units in recreation areas, we will not be scheduling the next event. Violence Prevention is always looking for ways to engage the population and we have continued to try to find inexpensive ways to promote Violence free behavior. We are working on a few ideas and reviewing proposals that have been submitted. I encourage all incarcerated individuals to send us their ideas and we will consider and review them for the future.

During today's Tier Rep Meeting, the Tier Reps were encouraged to provide a list of suggested activities to be brought to the next meeting on Monday, July 13th. Ms. Tatro will then compile a list from all of the units and will send to the ICP for review/response. After this has been completed, it will be documented in the Tier Rep Meeting Minutes to be posted in all units and will be provided during the following week's LFC teleconference.

THANK YOU – Associate Penrose thanked all of the family members for their patience during these difficult times and for the valuable input from all participants. SCCC staff greatly appreciates working together with the families of our incarcerated on the common goal of keeping our staff and population healthy, safe and COVID-19 free.

Comments/Closing

Please continue to send forth your questions to Susan Cooksey at susandcooksey@frontier.com by no later than 10:00am every Monday for discussion during that week's LFC teleconference.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note some changes to our weekly call in information:

SCCC's IT Department has set up these calls in a way that helps track participants. To join by phone, call (360) 407-3825 and enter conference ID: 20223028. After entering your contact information, JUST HIT # TO BYPASS THE PIN. **It is not mandatory to identify yourself; roll will be taken. Please ensure that you mute yourself when you are not speaking.**