

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 9-23-20

Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Associate Penrose, ICP, IT4 Bradley & CPM Secy Myers
- Other DOC staff – Caroline Melhuish, Family Services; Paige Perkinson – HQ; OCO – M. Gyde
- LFC Officers: State Rep Susan Cooksey; Co-Chair Miriam Fry & Secretary Vanessa Lewis
- Family members – Diane Sifres, Verna Westman, Jeannette Revay, Bethany Duschene, Diane Webb Cristelli, Heather Dockery, Susan Wade, Andrea Triggs, David & Katherine Kaiser

WEEKLY UPDATES:

1. **Staff Serial Testing –**
Total tests performed to date: 860
Total negative results: 463
Total positive results: 1
Total employees mapped out due to positive test: 1
Total tests w/o results: 396
2. **SCCC'S CURRENT COVID-19 NUMBERS:**
2 – ISO
1 – Quarantine
4– Intake Separation Tier
3. **Facility Marriages** - In an effort to provide opportunities for incarcerated individuals and their loved ones to pursue their desire to marry, Headquarters program personnel, Prisons/Health Services Unified Command, and your local site representatives have begun developing plans for consistent processes across the state. The first marriage ceremony occurred recently at MCC and has allowed us to look at any additional details that had to be adjusted for the best experience possible under social distancing directives. This first event went very well with participants complying with the required social distancing, PPE, and security protocols.

Pre-Submitted Questions – None

Participant Questions –

Question 1

Per Heather Dockery - Do you know when you will start serving regular lunches again?

Answer:

As I am unable to answer, I will look into this and provide a response during next week's teleconference.

Question 2

Per Verna Westman - I tried to order a package and there were only two snack options, I was wondering if that was all that was offered or what?

Answer

A participant indicated that the later you wait to order, the less likely the choices are available.

Question 3

Per Susan Wade - On the guys that return from rapid re-entry, are they kept in segregation or let into general population if they have a longer time to serve?

Answer

After they have been cleared of COVID 19, and their discipline hearing is completed, if they have more time to serve a classification plan is done to determine what custody they will be assigned and then either released into SCCC population or transferred to an appropriate facility.

Question 4

Per Susan Wade, Do packages vary for different facilities like the oils that are available at WSP were different than the list you sent me?

Answer

The list I sent you on the approved list of oils was the list per policy statewide. I don't know if there is a different list of items for quarterly packages per custody level or facility due to availability. I will check in with CI and provide their response during next week's meeting.

Question 5

Per Susan Wade - On the Agenda items for the meeting, how do you come by them and are they set in stone? Can other items be brought forth other than during round table? The guy on the bottom of the sheet that talked about the pizza's what did he say about it?

Answer

The Agenda items are picked by the attendees of the December meeting and two topics are picked for each meeting so that the families can better understand DOC/SCCC practices and make the time spent at SCCC a smoother stay. We didn't get to do lots of things we had planned for 2020 due to COVID 19, but we will set a new schedule for 2021 in December's meeting. If you come up with questions or topics between meetings, please send them to Susan Cooksey and she will get them to us so we can better prepare answers for all of you. CI realized that the pizza packets were discontinued due to not being a very big seller. Mr. Prather was going to look into what other pizza options were out there to add to the commissary list.

Question 6

Per Susan Wade - IDOC doesn't have an org chart for SCCC... Actually I found it, but can you check that it is updated?

Answer

I will check on it and make sure we have an updated org chart.

Question 7

Per Diane Webb-Cristelli - With the Flu season coming and COVID, how are you guys planning on working through that?

Answer

Since many of the symptoms overlap, it will be very hard to separate out flu from Covid. We use quarantine and isolation practices with influenza every year and if an individual is symptomatic and tests negative for Covid, we will still isolate them to keep from contaminating the population.

Question 8

Per Diane Webb-Cristelli - Do you give the incarcerated population flu shots?

Answer

Yes, DOC offers flu shots every year, which is voluntary, not mandatory.

Question 9

Per Miriam Fry - The phones have been down a lot and we are wondering if GTL is ever going to get them working right. They were down almost all day yesterday.

Answer

A participant stated that the storms in Texas were affecting the phones due to satellite issues. I reassured everyone the best way to address the phone issues is for the families to report issues, the incarcerated to report issues and staff to report. This seems to work best.

Question 10

Per Bethany Duschene - Is the Dental area open? Are they back-logged or still closed?

Answer

The dental area is open, but I am sure they have a lot of catching up to do since they were closed for an extended period of time.

Comments/Closing – Thank you to all who participated in today's teleconference. Please stay safe and hope that you can join again for next week's teleconference.