

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** Stafford Creek Corrections Center

**Date and Time:** 11-4-20

## Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Associate Penrose, CPM Bohon/ICP, IT5 Bradley & AA3 Tatro
- LFC Officers: State Rep S. Cooksey & Secretary V. Lewis
- Family members – D. Sifres, V. Westman, J. Griggs, K. & D. Kaiser, S. Wirkkala, C. Carl & E. Broussard

## WEEKLY UPDATES:

1. **SPP/Redemption fundraiser** – Connecting Communities COVID-19 Fundraiser was passed out on 10/23 and 10/30 in B side dining to those who ordered & met criteria. Food items offered were: burritos, cinnamon rolls and triple berry cheesecake rolls. Net amount raised: \$822.00 with 40% split between Family Promise of Grays Harbor and Aberdeen Food Bank. The remainder goes towards SPP and Redemption programs benefitting incarcerated individuals.
2. **CARES Act Economic Impact Payments (EIPs)** – On 10-27-20 HQ sent a kiosk to all incarcerated individuals stating the court has extended the 10-30-20 deadline for incarcerated persons to claim an EIP to 11-4-20. See attached Memo for information specifics.
3. **Resuming Routine Searches** – DOC HQ sent a memo to all Incarcerated Individuals on 10-30-20 that routine searches would be resuming on 11-9-20. Routine searches include pat searches, cell searches, strip searches and staff searches. See attached memo for details.
4. **JPay Maintenance** – A JPay repair technician was onsite today to fix JPay units having issues, specifically G unit and H1.
5. **JPay Video Visits** – This is the latest update from JPay/Securus on video visits that was shared during our 11/5/20 Tier Rep Meeting: You will continue to receive two (2) free video connect credits to your JPay account each week through December 31, 2020.
  - The two free video sessions will be replenished every Friday, but only if the current free sessions were used (not just scheduled).
  - If you choose to use one free visit, your account will only be replenished with one additional video session the following Friday. For example: If you use only one, you will only receive one. If you use none, you will not receive any credits the following week.
  - If you received credits for failed visits and have at least 2 on your account, additional credits will not be added that week.
  - **IMPORTANT: The number of credits available is not displayed on JPay.com. You must go through the scheduling process. When you get to the payment page, the cost will be displayed as \$0.**  
If you have free credits on your account, it will automatically use these credits so the visit will be \$0 cost.

## Answers to last week's questions:

### Question 1

Will there be a special meal for the population during the holidays?

Answer:

Yes, see attached Thanksgiving Day menu for details.

### Question 2

Can you provide us with the new Health Services staff member's name?

Answer:

Daniel Johnson is the newest member to Health Services. He works with our Health Services Division at HQ. At SCCC, Theresa Johnson is our Health Services Manager 1 and works alongside Keith Parris, our Health Services Manager 2; neither of these managers are new.

## Pre-Submitted Questions – None

## Participant Questions –

### Question 1

Since Adobe Flash Player will not be available after the end of this year, what will JPay use instead?

Answer:

CPM Bohon has reached out to JPay/Securus with no reply at this time. We will notify the family members/population when an answer is received.

### Question 2

Per D. Sifres and V. Westman, GTL issues continue with placing money on I/I's accounts despite numerous attempts to resolve with GTL customer service.

Answer

Associate Penrose asked that our office be notified through Susan Cooksey when resolution has been reached by any of our family members.

### Question 3

State Rep S. Cooksey asked why the outgoing number from SCCC on family member's caller ID shows as "unknown caller?" It previously showed an actual phone number, which is the family member's way of knowing it is not a SPAM call. Associate Penrose spoke to our IIU Dept., who are the staff contact for GTL. Different members of LFC indicated that it isn't all the time, but sporadic. We are pending response from GTL at this time.

Answer:

Notification will go out once an answer is received.

#### Question 4

Per E. Broussard, in H2 A pod there have been issues with the phones to include interruptions and dropped calls.

#### Answer:

This has been reported to GTL, who are currently working on a fix for these issues.

**Comments/Closing** – I would like to apologize for the confusion on the call today and thank everyone for working with us and staying on the call until it went through. New calendar invites will be sent out to everyone very soon with new call-in information. Looking forward to our next meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> – please be safe and have a great week!

## SCCC Thanksgiving menu – 11/26/20

Cold Cereal—ordering Golden Grahams

Cranberry Muffin from Bakery

Scrambled Eggs with Cheese with Peppers and Onions

White and Chocolate Milk

Polish dog as breakfast Sausage

Tri Tators

Margarine

French Toast times 2

Syrup

Evening meal:

Turkey

Cranberry sauce

Stuffing

Yams

Mashed Potatoes

Gravy

Pumpkin Pie

Fruit Salad

Green Bean Casserole

Dinner roll made by bakery

Margarine



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October 27, 2020

**TO:** All Incarcerated Individuals  
All Work Release Individuals

**FROM:** Robert Herzog, Assistant Secretary – Prisons Division  
Danielle Armbruster, Assistant Secretary – Reentry Division

**SUBJECT: October 27 Update: CARES Act Economic Impact Payments (EIPs)**

**The court has extended the October 30 deadline for incarcerated persons to claim an EIP to November 4, 2020.** The Internal Revenue Service has requested that you include your DOC identification number near your last name on the form 1040 tax form.

As communicated previously, on September 24, 2020, a federal court in the Northern District of California has held that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) cannot deny an Economic Impact Payments (EIPs) to an incarcerated individual under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020) solely because he or she is incarcerated.

Incarcerated individuals may now register for the EIP in order to receive a payment if they meet eligibility criteria. The Washington Department of Corrections cannot advise whether you may be entitled to stimulus benefits under the CARES Act or court decision. Under the court's order, incarcerated persons should be permitted to submit claim forms and receive payments sent by the IRS.

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**TO:** All Incarcerated Individuals  
**FROM:** *Miller* *Ronna Cole*  
Arminda Miller and Ronna Cole  
Prisons/Health Services Unified Command Incident Commanders  
**SUBJECT:** Resuming Routine Searches

The Department of Corrections will be resuming its routine searches, effective November 9, 2020. As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused temporary changes and modifications to our normal search practices.

Presently, searches are conducted based on suspicion. Routine searches resuming include pat searches, cell searches, strip searches and staff searches.

The department is committed to do all that it can to minimize the chances of COVID-19 transmission. Correctional staff doing searches will wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE) as the agency's clinical team has defined in the department's COVID-19 PPE Matrix.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we continue to work through this pandemic in as safe a manner as possible.

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Cc: Robert Herzog, Assistant Secretary, Prisons  
All Prisons Deputy Directors  
All Superintendents