

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 12-16-20

Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Associate Penrose, IT5 Bradley & ICP
- Other DOC staff – C. Melhuish, Family Services; HQ – P. Perkinson; OCO – M. Gyde
- LFC Officers: State Rep S. Cooksey; Co-Chair M. Fry & Secretary V. Lewis
- Family members – D. Sifres, E. McKinnon, S. Hitchcock, V. Westman, B. Duschene, K. & D. Kaiser, D. Webb-Cristelli, J. & A. Triggs, C. Carl, S. Acker & T. Young, E. Broussard, C. Delacruz, L. Henderson

INTRODUCTION:

Good Day All,

At the last meeting you asked that I do a quick rundown of each living unit at each meeting. So as of today G Unit houses Quarantine, Isolation, and medium custody general population.

F Unit North has IMU housing, intake separation, Isolation, positive and quarantine

F Unit South has Isolation, Quarantine, positive

H1 houses all positive cases, as they reach the point of Recovered they will be moved out slowly to other units.

H2, H3, H4, H5, H6: all house general population, and quarantine, they also house Isolation temporarily as we get test results of positive until we can get them moved out of the unit. They are double locked during the waiting period and upon leaving the cellmate is placed on quarantine.

All units access the dayroom on cohort schedules, and after the cohorts are completed we give quarantine individuals access. Cleaning is happening all day long in the units. All CUS's have been encouraged to hire more janitors to keep up with the cleaning and sanitizing protocol.

We are moving individuals multiple times so that we can continue to make groups of same results, thus keeping them safer than having all mixed together.

WEEKLY UPDATES

1. **Serial Testing numbers** - For current count, please refer to the website. It is updated Monday through Friday at 3:00pm.
2. **Safe Start Visitation Update** – A Memo from Jeneva Cotton and Scott Russell was sent out on 12-15-20 to all prisons division staff stating that Safe Start Visitation is being postponed until January 19, 2021 due to a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in a number of our prison facilities. There is no approved or expected start date to resume in-person visitation at this time.

3. **Class II Incentive Pay** – On 12-14-20 a Memo went out to all Incarcerated Individuals (II's) regarding Class II Incentive Pay due to ongoing response to COVID-19. CI will be implementing the following temporary incentive pay: Effective 12-13-20 through 1-16-21, incentive pay will be \$20.00 per week. Incentive pay will be paid to all II's working CI Class II positions at SCCC **who work their full shift for the week (excluding mandatory callouts)**. Per RCW 72.09.11, incentive pay **shall be paid separately from the hourly gratuity and shall not be subject to cost of incarceration deduction**. Incentive pay will be subject to remaining Class II deductions identified in RCW 72.09.111.

Questions for this week's meeting -

Question 1

From S. Acker & T. Young, H5-B pod is still not receiving masks every day as we were told on last call. Our loved one has only received 2-3 since he got there 3 months ago and those were just in the last week.

Answer

Per CUS Sullivan, the II's have been instructed to change out their surgical mask daily. The surgical masks are available once daily during mainline. They are set out on a table and are visible to all II's in the pod. It is up to the II to change out the mask daily.

Question 2

We were told that mail isn't being held up. We know that a book we sent arrived there on Monday, 11-30-20, but our loved one still has not received it. What's the reason for the delay?

Answer

We did find we had a glitch in the delivery of mail over the weekend; however, all population mail has been delivered and caught up.

Question 3

What is going on with Wi-Fi? Why is it on again and off again?

Answer

We have been communicating with JPay & Keith DeFlicht from HQ and they are working on a solution.

Question 4

It has been reported that more II's plus belongings are being pulled from their pods because of testing positive. Also, there are phone restrictions again and only being allowed out of cell for bathroom breaks. Are these just rumors, what is the truth, there have been no visits for a long time, families and the II's should at least be able to have that one phone call each day.

Answer

We have extra staff on duty to get property back to the individuals that tested positive, depending on where they are housed currently. All units have cohorts for access to phones, showers, dayroom use; restroom use is approved during non-cohort time. The cohort schedule for that area has been provided to the II's for reference. H1 protocol differs in that dayroom will be open with social distancing enforced between incarcerated and staff.

Question 5

What is the process for obtaining swabs from inmates? If the nurses are touching the swabs after they are given to the inmates, they need to change their gloves. At testing sites, the person receives the test swabs themselves and then puts the swab into the tube/receptacle. It is NEVER touched by the other person. If it is, gloves should be changed. It has been reported that this is not happening.

Answer

Medical supervisors are providing insight to this process to ensure all protocols are being followed.

Question 6

Who is moving to the gym? What is happening to their personal belongings? Are they allowed phone calls, what about their tablets? Are there adequate toilets and water? How often will their clothes & masks be changed? How often will they shower? Are you segregating the older inmates? How carefully are the positive inmates being watched for worsening symptoms? The families would like to know the process as we are very concerned for our loved ones.

Answer

The gym is housing COVID positive, confirmed tested asymptomatic and mild-symptomatic II's. There are restrooms and showers for II use. JPays are allowed & charging is permitted. Property is being stored in Property and P bldg. Laundry is taken to HUB as normal and is separated from all other laundry. Custody staff are working 12 hour shifts from 0600-1800 & 1800-0600. An on-site Supervisor is available 0800-1430. II's will receive store and mail. Ping-Pong and other games on main gym floor are authorized; regular gym activities (i.e. basketball/handball) are restricted at this time.

Participant Questions –

Question 1

Per B. Duschene, Are oxygen levels checked on the II's? What happens if they need more treatment than SCCC can provide? What about property?

Answer:

Yes, oxygen levels are checked and II's can be sent to hospital if additional treatment is needed. Property is stored in property and P bldg.

Question 2

Per D. Sifres, is there treatment for positives?

Answer

Not asymptomatic, but symptomatic will be treated case by case.

Question 3

Per S. Hitchcock, H1 moved to H2. How much time out of cell? What is protocol for video visits?

Answer

Forty-five (45) minutes per day out of cell. Video visits will be authorized for those II's on the sign up schedule and will not be stopped unless an emergent situation arises such as a lockdown.

Question 4

Per S. Cooksey, can the cohort movements be attached to the notes?

Answer

Yes; they will be attached to today's meeting notes.

Question 5

Per M. Fry, I have the following questions: 1) when is mail delivered?; 2) are there phones in gym?; 3) are medical kites available to all II's?; 4) how long in the gym? 5) can II's have Christmas cards to send out?

Answer

Mail is delivered after evening meal by custody staff going from bunk to bunk. There are 3 phones in the gym, 3 TV's and power strips for charging stations. Medical kites are on order, but regular kites are provided to all housing units & alternate housing areas daily. Questions not answered will be addressed during next week's teleconference call.

Question 5

Per V. Lewis, communication needs to go out to the population. Will II's be vaccinated?

Answer

A memo was sent out to all II's on 12-16-20 summarizing the COVID-19 vaccine information. II's will have the opportunity to voluntarily take the vaccine.

Question 6

Per V. Westman, are staff delivering shoes & orders of personal property?

Answer

Per Property Sgt. Coleman, shoes are being delivered to all areas. Clothing items are being delivered to all areas weekly per the rotation schedule.

Question 7

Per K. & D. Kaiser, our son is in the gym and received his commissary and holiday package. He takes pill line meds, but not getting meds. Vaccine list includes II's to voluntarily take.

Answer

Please have II check in with gym staff; they can contact Medical to resolve.

Question 8

Per D. Webb-Cristelli, my son's package was removed. When will he get it back?

Answer

It truly depends on staffing and housing location. If taken when moved, he won't get that until all property is issued, but can order from temporary housing area.

Question 9

Per E. Broussard, books from Amazon have been issued but not delivered yet. When will this happen?
Bathroom & video visits – C/O's aren't opening the door.

Answer

Video visits are happening now, deliveries are taking longer due to moves.

Question 10

Per L. Henderson, will SCCC call us if our loved one gets sent to the Hospital or infirmary?

Answer

Any II's going out to the hospital for COVID related illness will be contacted per DOC policy. Answer provided by Paige Perkinson, HQ Communication team.

Question 11

Per S. Wade, there are no showers in gym. What are the numbers? Why isn't bleach used? What about JPay?

Answer

Showers have been installed in the building for II use. For current testing data, please see the website or Corrections COVID-19 bulletin, which is being sent out by Susan Cooksey to LFC members. Germicidal is used rather than bleach. JPay are delayed 30 minutes in between.

[Comments/Closing](#) – Thank you to all who participated in today's teleconference. Thank you for your patience during these trying times. Stay safe and hope you can join again for next week's teleconference on 12-23 at 3:00pm. A new Microsoft Teams invite with **new** call-in number will be sent out to everyone soon.