

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 2-17-2021

Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Associate Penrose, FMD Dr. Herrington, CPM Bohon, Plant Manager Matthews, IT5 Bradley, AA3 Tatro, Secretary Meyers & Secretary Collecchi
- Other DOC staff – Caroline Melhuish, Family Services; Communications Paige Perkinson; OCO – M. Gyde
- LFC Officers: State Rep Susan Cooksey; Co-Chair Miriam Fry, Secretary Vanessa Lewis
- Family members – Diane Sifres, Verna Westman, Bethany Duschene, Jenny Griggs, Susan Wade, Kat & David Kaiser, Julie Triggs, Sheri Acker & Todd Young, Dora (Duaa) Williams, Starr Garden

Weekly Updates:

1. **Changes to weekly LFC teleconferences** – Due to status of facility being almost all clear, we're going to reduce these meetings to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month beginning March 3rd.
2. **Regular LFC meeting rescheduled to 2/24/21** – For those of you who haven't responded to Katy's email regarding agenda items for next week's regular LFC meeting, please send your input on topics for presentation and areas for touring by end of day 2/19/21. This will ensure your input is included in the Agenda that Katy is currently working on for the meeting.
3. **Updates on units/alternate housing areas** – We have positives housed in the gym. Medical isolation, quarantine & positives are in F unit and G A Pod and quarantine in H4 A pod. F unit also has a transfer tier for movement to SCCC from other facilities. All other areas are "clear" to include: GB, H1, H2, H3, H4 B pod, H5 & H6. Due to these changes, a lot more facility movements began today; summarized below.
4. **Other information** – We initiated grab & go meals to include disposable clamshell lunches for pick up during hot breakfast beginning today, diabetic & pill lines were both running today simultaneously, new dayroom rotations and outside yard rotations were handed out to all II's last night. Allowing access to dayrooms from 0600 when count clears to 2300 on two and one hour rotations, outside yards begin at 0830 to 1530 in 1 ½ hour segments, and outside yards begin at 1800 to 2100 in hourly segments, all are operating on a rotational basis, more jobs are being opened with the garden porters coming out by pod to promote social distancing, all workers are expected to wear their masks at all times inside and outside. The population will have access to Medical and Dental, appointments soon. These will be scheduled by priority with emergencies first and chronic/routine following.

Questions for this week's meeting

Question 1

Why were the air scrubber fans removed from the pods?

Answer

They were removed with approval from Prisons Health Services due to being “cleared status.” They were deemed unnecessary since the units are not currently in outbreak status. However, they remain onsite and are available for use if the facility needs to utilize them.

Question 2

Are the clamshells the II’s are picking up in the chow hall for their food being reused? If so, what is being done to sanitize them?

Answer

SCCC is currently using Styrofoam clamshells that are disposed of after use. These are not being reused.

Participant Questions –

Question 1

Per Susan Cooksey - Are the clamshells disposable or the new sustainable/reusable ones?

Answer

They are the disposable clamshells.

Question 2

Per Susan Cooksey – Are you ever going to consider using the sustainable/reusable ones?

Answer

Yes, these have already been ordered by Food Services.

Question 3

Per Susan Cooksey – Will you ensure these are going to be cleaned well as we’ve had a lot of problems with the trays and complaints they were greasy and not being cleaned well?

Answer

I have spoken to the Food Services Manager and he has a sterilization/cleaning protocol in place for when we receive the reusable trays.

Question 4

Per Susan Wade – Why did the air scrubbers get removed?

Answer

We removed them once the area was “cleared” as advised.

Question 5

Per Susan Wade – Will they be left on site to reuse if needed? The II’s have been mentally impacted by the air scrubbers being removed.

Answer

Yes, they have not left the facility. The filters were removed and disposed of.

Question 6

Per Susan Wade – Is it G unit that has the ultraviolet light?

Answer

Per Plant Mgr. Matthews – The unit has an ultraviolet light in it. The Air Handler Units in this building have been upgraded to HEPA filtration levels recommended by DOC Clinical Health Services and EOC. That's why there's not an air scrubber in the dayroom, because you'd be scrubbing air that's already pre-filtered.

Question 7

Per Susan Wade – When will SCCC return to hot lunches?

Answer

We are working towards 3 hot meals per day.

Question 8

Per Susan Wade – So because some things are being reinstated, will the JPay video visits be back up and running every half an hour? And who is doing the sanitizing of the JPay kiosks because this is not happening with the porters? Can we look at this again in 2 weeks?

Answer

We are still sanitizing. I will need to look into this and will provide a response.

Question 9

Per Dora (Duaa) Williams – If there is a visit scheduled and our loved one doesn't show, does this mean something is wrong with the machine? I haven't spoken to my brother in a while so I hope it can get fixed so I can have my visit.

Answer

I don't know if something happened to that individual to not make it or if the machine isn't working. Whichever it is, if it's a machine malfunction, it will need to be reported to JPay. We will not stop the II's from getting their calls if they are scheduled.

Question10

Per Bethany Duschene – Did you have a chance to speak to the Chaplain and find out what his plan is?

Answer

Yes, he's been making his rounds to the units and organizing information for all the different religious groups.

Question11

Per Bethany Duschene – Who runs Education? Is the tutoring done there or through unit jobs?

Answer

Jayne Peterson is the lead staff for Grays Harbor College and she oversees the tutoring that happens in Education and our unit staff hire tutors for in the units. If on a separate tier, the II's may need to find a new tutor until we are back to normal operations; that will be case by case.

Question12

Per Julie Triggs – What is the plan for the men in GA lower tier? I normally don't like to talk about my husband's particular issue, but I'm going to this week. He was moved there and has been COVID negative since you began testing. He has been for the last 14 days and as of today is over by what I can determine is medical isolation per the COVID screening testing infectious control guidelines. Medical isolation is for those that are positive, asymptomatic and or people showing symptoms of flu or COVID. So he should be in quarantine. In two (2) weeks, I received one (1) five (5) minute phone call and one (1) ten (10) minute phone call like he could be in medical isolation. I am just seeking to understand what the plan is and why he is there?

Answer

Per Associate Penrose – If you could please email me his name and number, I can privately follow-up on this with you as I'm not at a computer and don't have that kind of information accessible to me right now. This is also not the proper venue for discussing items of a personal nature.

Per Dr. Herrington – This is Ryan Herrington and you can send that information to me.

Per Associate Penrose – So Julie you can send the information to me and I will forward to Dr. Herrington.

Comment from Susan Wade – I just wanted to say thank you for the goody bags today. My husband said the bags had some really good food in them and they were very appreciative of receiving those. You said the facility would be providing some goodies for our loved ones and you did, so thank you again for that. Per Associate Penrose – Yes, goody bags are being handed out to all our incarcerated at different times dependent upon staffing, but they are going out to all this week. You are most welcome and I'm glad he appreciated it. Our staff worked very hard putting those goody bags together. This time they are being handed out to our population individually instead of being put out so that some got more and others didn't get any.

Question13

Per Dora (Duaa) Williams – Will there be Ramadan?

Answer

Yes, we will be having Ramadan. The Chaplain is working on having Passover as well and we will have all the different entities that we normally do. We will get that plan out as soon as it's finalized.

Comments/Closing – Thank you all very much; please don't forget to send your input to Katy for the agenda for next week's regular LFC meeting. Hope to hear from all of you next week.