

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 5-5-21

Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Superintendent Haynes, CPM Schreiber – meeting director, CPM Bohon, IT5 Bradley, FSM Attard, LFC Facility Secretary – K. Tatro, CPM Secretary D. Myers
- Other DOC staff – Caroline Melhuish, Family Services; Communications Paige Perkinson; OCO – M. Gyde
- LFC Officers: State Rep Susan Cooksey & Co-Chair Miriam Fry
- Family members – Tamara Goddard, Beverly Duschene, Jenny Griggs, Susan Wade, Michelle Mullins, Jeannette Revay

Weekly Updates:

- JPay – JPay repair technician came to SCCC on 4-27-21 and fixed the following JPay kiosk machines:
 1. H1 – Kiosk #3 sync replaced, keyboard rebooted G2g; kiosk #21 sync replaced G2g & kiosk #9 sync replaced
 2. H2 B pod – Kiosk #24 handset replaced G2g; kiosk #1 no issues – G2g
 3. G unit – Kiosk #15 down – reboot & keyboard G2g
 4. H3 B pod – Kiosk #6 offline reboot, clean camera & adjust G2g
- 4-27-21 Memo to population from Asst. Secretary Herzog RE: Resuming Routine Searches – Effective immediately prison facilities will resume routine searches to include pat searches, cell searches, strip searches and staff searches.
- 4-30-21 Memo to population from CPM Schreiber RE: One Day Contraband Amnesty. Effective 5-3-21 SCCC routine searches began. Because of this, there was a one (1) day amnesty on 5-1-21 for all II's to clear their living areas of excess state-issued clothing & bedding. This includes the following: blankets, sheets, pillowcases, pillows, mattresses, khakis, whites & laundry bags. Per CPM Schreiber, some of the CUS's extended the amnesty over the weekend to allow additional time.
- 4-30-21 Memo to population from Asst. Secretary Herzog RE: Re-opening of Weight Decks that includes the following: Individuals must reapply for weight card & meet policy criteria for DOC Policy 540.105; II's must pay \$7.00 quarterly fee; Weights will open at 50% limited capacity; Social distancing of 6 ft must be maintained; Surgical masks worn at all times; Cleaning supplies will be available in weight deck area, all participants are expected to disinfect each station immediately after use.
- 5-4-21 Memo to population from Acting Secretary Martin RE: delay of hiring for Assistant Secretary of Prisons. This is due to allowing proper time for the new DOC Secretary Cheryl Strange to get her bearings in her new position and to see what direction she would like to go in before hiring for Mr. Herzog's position.

- 5-3-21 Memo to population RE: Safe Start Corrections Visitation written by Liz Hainline from HQ Visitation. The Memo touches on first visit sessions at the prisons level to begin May 9, 2021. Each II will have one (1) visit per month with up to two (2) visitors age 16 and up. There will be no vending machines during this time in the Visit Room. Visits will be scheduled by cohort based on those facilities that ARE NOT in outbreak status. Visits will initially occur at once per month. The second visit cannot be scheduled until the first visit has occurred. After the visitor utilizes the online scheduling tool and receives confirmation from the Visit Scheduler that a visit has been scheduled, that visitor must pass an in-person COVID-19 screening to include screening questions and have temperature checked. Sanitization of visit stations will occur in between each visit session.
- 4-27-21 Memo to population RE: Resuming Use of J & J for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration. In summary, the memo refers to the pause that was taken from vaccination process wherein the CDC and FDA conducted a thorough safety review of the vaccine, which resulted in Washington's DOH approval to resume use of J & J statewide effective 4-24-21.

Questions for this week's meeting – None.

Round Table/Participant Questions –

Question 1

Per Co-Chair Miriam Fry – This is more of a suggestion to throw out there. With so many not attending the COVID-19 teleconference calls, can we look at discontinuing them?

Answer

Per CPM Schreiber – I will speak with Associate Penrose about this when she returns. I understand if people don't want to attend, then that's on them. I will see what she thinks about maybe cutting the frequency down, but we will need to speak with HQ about what parameters they give us for those who wish to continue with the calls and receiving information they might miss otherwise.

Per Associate Penrose – The LFC COVID teleconferences will continue to occur on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month from 3:00-4:00pm. Each LFC family member has the choice of whether they wish to participate or not

Question 2

Per Susan Wade – Regarding the searches, what is the PPE protocol for all searches being conducted?

Answer

Per CPM Schreiber – There is a Memo posted on the DOC page with a link that shows the proper PPE for each type of search, which includes pat, cell, strip & staff searches.

Question 3

Per Susan Wade – Regarding vaccinations, is the Johnson & Johnson (J & J) the one that they are giving & now it's just back?

Answer

Per CPM Schreiber - We can now start getting the J & J vaccines back and begin vaccinating sooner and quicker.

Question 4

Per Susan Wade – How are the mattresses getting distributed in the units? Did the halt occur because of COVID or has it started up again with getting the blue mattresses out? I believe you said when we discussed it before there were 80 gray ones floating around, so are those still in storage or what?

Answer

Per CPM Schreiber – Yes, we are good to go on the mattresses. We had a supply of the gray mattresses that we used and once those were distributed, we started getting the blue ones in our Warehouse. So, when the CUS's place their orders, those should be the ones being used as the replacements. As for who has received them, I will check with the Warehouse and find out how many have been distributed. CI will be sending me a tracking method for quality assurance. The ones in IMU are holding up just like new. An update will be provided during our next COVID meeting.

After looking into this further, there was a miscommunication as the new mattresses have not yet been ordered. Orders will be placed when the existing stock has been disseminated. When the new mattresses arrive, they will be distributed to those units as requested by the CUS's on their weekly SITR orders. Each CUS will keep a log of the new mattresses that have been distributed within their unit

Question 5

Per Susan Wade – This question is for Denise. Can I call you about the Visitation dates as I'd like to book a second one as I've had family issues, so the dates were horrible for me.

Answer

Per CPM Secretary Myers – You can schedule again only after you have had the first visit.

Question 6

Per Tamara Goddard – Do you have any idea of when in person like the longer regular visitation will be reopened? I will be coming from across the country, so I'd like to stay longer than an hour.

Answer

Per CPM Schreiber – Mr. Bohon, can you elaborate on that?

Per CPM Bohon – There's been no discussion from Headquarters; we are just starting the one (1) hour visits this weekend. So, it will be a while.

Question 7

Per Bethany Duschene – Can we have an update on the State Library?

Answer

Per CPM Schreiber – I believe we are still searching for a replacement or a staff member from one of the local libraries to cover temporarily for the State Librarian since she retired. I will check in with Associate Van Ogle and provide the response during our next COVID meeting.

We are waiting for a response from Ms. Sherbo at HQ regarding a possible time frame for replacement of the State Librarian and subsequent opening of SCCC's State Library. Once this information is received, it will be contained in the LFC meeting notes

Question 8

Per Bethany Duschene – Are there any updates on religious services for the weekends?

Answer

Per CPM Schreiber – I don't believe there have been any changes on that, but I will speak with Chaplain Wakeman and provide that information to everyone during our next COVID meeting.

****Until we are cleared to allow volunteers into the facility, we will not expand our religious programs as many are conducted by volunteer staff****

Comments/Closing – Thanks everyone for your participation on today's call. I will provide responses during the next meeting on weekend religious programs, the State Library and information on the blue mattresses.