

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 05/18/2022 3:00 PM

Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Asst. Supt. Van Ogle, RN4 Lynch, Supt. Haynes, CPM/ ICP Schreiber, FSM Attard, Captain Rubalcaba, Security Bolden, Supt. Haynes, CPM Baltzell, Correctional Admin. Lisa Flynn, DOC Perkinson, DOC Ritter, Monica, DOC Melhuish, Caroline AA3 Ramos, IT Keaton Bradley, CUS Sullivan, Sgt. McGinnis, DOC Aulakh, Harj
- LFC Officers: State Rep Lydia Schoen; Co-Chair Diane Sifres, Secretary Vanessa Lewis
- Family members – Roll Call wasn't taken on the call.
- Susan Wade, Bethany DuSchene, Jami Longoria, Sarah Leon, Anna Ivanov, Molina Bridgett, Annie Trepanier, Shante Holmes, Alexis Magana, J. Champion, Elise McKinnon, T. Goddard, Catherine Antee, Robyn's Guest, Heather Johnson, Jamison, L

Weekly Updates:

Tuberculosis Update

Lisa Flynn Correctional Administrator

Negative pressure room is working again.

Tuberculosis clinic has begun at SCCC in B side dining hall for H2, H6 came through yesterday 5-17-2022. H3 was seen today (5-18-2022) SCCC only had a handful of refusals. It is working very well with 10 people at time for counseling one on one with the Incarcerated Individuals. Tuberculosis Readings with guidance on post positive or Latent tuberculosis steps providing educational insights. With what happens after with fellow knowledge advice from Medical Dr. Strict, Dr. Longano and Dr. Phillips.

SCCC has an EFV just in case of separation if we need to move an individual out of a unit. if our Neg pressure room is full this is the process for housing temporarily until we get through this testing rounds list. No ETA at this time of length of positive or Refusals coming up suspected.

RN4 Lynch

Medication is coming in for latent, chest X-rays are being done before starting medication which is starting this week. Started 40 people, we are hoping to start 40 more Incarcerated. There are 100 latent and on medications currently.

Lisa Flynn Correctional Administrator

Data teams to gather all information for LFC as we get it from Department of Health. We are cramming this information together to give the most accurate numbers in a timely frame. Next week we will have

more accurate numbers of those tested, moved, latent or positives. Whom has received treatment versus who has not, our Operational Department will report on COVID 19 information further in this meeting? Clinical department currently has all information for reviewing with patients, they will share this and added information with the data team and Dr. Strict. Dr. Strict stated this will be a little bit different from the COVID piece. We want accurate info to all and why we don't have it readily available this moment in front of us. We understand we will try to give a communication through our portal. We want to make sure on accuracy. Just let us work on this, this evening and am.

COVID

ICP/ Correctional Program Manager Rob Schreiber

Stafford Creek Correctional Facility has 12 Incarcerated Individuals in the gym. We are continuing to test weekly, Per protocol and Version 31 of Safe Start. Testing every seven days, yesterday we tested H3, H4 and H6. Today H2, H5, the next day G unit, ending with the individuals in F. South. SCCC Tested positives Individuals were notified and asked to report to move to another living area as an example the gym or F unit south. We are contacting the high-risk Quarantine individuals who have possible medical condition to Quarantine to another living area. If individuals tested positive and not wanting to move. They are spoken too by clinical and given assurance best to move and keep others safe. Many individuals are focusing on the Waiver signed to isolate in cell. These individuals are requesting to quarantine in unit cells. 12 Incarcerated Individuals in gym currently, G unit A tier area about to come off Quarantine. G. unit A tier will have 5 added days in quarantine status. There will be more movement around in day room as well as recreations times availability. Hoping to get all your loved ones back to original areas and living units soon. SCCC has brought out individuals from a IMU setting with more free range and out times for microwaves, phone usages These have been the change since 3 rd. Shift more fresh air with added day to day movements while getting meals in house.

Note- Waiver is only for High risk Incarcerated Individuals RN4 Lynch

ROUNDTABLE

Participant Questions-

Question 1: With no EFV as a backup for the incarcerated, what would SCCC have done, or handle this Tuberculosis outbreak?

Answer Negative pressure room working now, unsure what other options would have been available if we did not have them as a backup.

Question 2: We asked last week for concrete numbers on how many Tuberculosis positives/ latent, now no answers again.

Answer: Many individuals are agreeing to skin test with a high percentage. We do not have that information readily available due to our clinical team still configuring numbers. SCCC is testing right away with nursing staff through the whole tuberculosis process.

Question 3: With the National shortage on Tuberculosis medications. Those who have been waiting to take these medications. Is SCCC re doing x rays to ensure their diagnosis is still correct/ active. Are the Incarcerated being guaranteed an x ray?

Answer: Yes, they are.

Question 4: Has there been a memo out to the exposed individuals on what to look for on Tuberculosis symptoms? How was notification sent too units or pods.?

Answer:

A memo went out to all units for posting for Incarcerated viewing.

Question 5: Any warnings to the ones in contact with positive Individuals. We are not asking, we want answers, is medical working with those patients right now. To get them treatment in crucial time.

Answer: Yes, as we speak right now.

SCCC is following Department of Health protocols. Instead of testing 600 in a day we are going in smaller groups. To talk to patients one on one, to counsel them and start medications. Changes have been made as of yesterday, things are a little different. **RN4 Lynch**

Question 6: On the defense on this whole issue. 5 months of getting nowhere, you should have numbers for the Local family council. Hard to believe you can't give us numbers. We keep getting told inaccurate information which is very frustrating.

Answer: We understand we will try to give a communication through our portal. We want to make sure on accuracy. Let us work on it this evening, morning to try to give you numbers. **Lisa Flynn Correctional Admin.**

Question 7: Resources, any information on what was discussed last week? Outside housing, bathrooms etc.

Answer: SCCC only has 12 people in the gym currently.

Question 8: **RN4- Lynch Question.** I understand more time is in with the Incarcerated patients that are sick. Would it not be more important to test all 600 instead one here and there?

Answer: **RN4** it is not an emergency or close to the outbreak after COVID issues we have come across SCCC. With COVID 19 we move faster. Tuberculosis we must take our time and be meticulous, taking this issue very slow with care provided to where it is needed most. It is a scary TB world, yet very different

than covid 19. SCCC Counsels your loved ones in units. Your loved ones are tired with all this testing. no swab and sticks to explain and the important on the testing. Slowing time valuable and very

Question 9 My loved one was in F unit for 22 days- now in G unit. His test was inconclusive not Positive.

Answer Nonconclusive are presumed positive and sent to isolation. **RN4 Lynch**

Asst. Supt. Dan Van Ogle SCCC follows all protocols from Head Quarters which is contingency with Department of Health Clinical to our Governor- based decisions.

Question 10: Last week we were told about COVID19 updates on Safe start with CDC guidelines?

Answer: No update at this time, I know that the draft is in finalizing stages.

Lisa Flynn Correctional Admin.

Question 11: I'm very disappointed in your COVID testing protocols, especially in the way it is being handled. SCCC needs to have a direct family liaison. My loved one was held in Quarantine for 23 days. Do you all know the Mental health toll it has on an individual? We are not getting answers and truly disappointed. My loved one was negative for 23 days and in G unit now for an additional 5 days. Explanation please on why he was kept for 23 days in the hole. Look into a family liaison, my loved one had no access to family phone calls. We are left sitting on the outside with nothing. His J pay lost communication, he could have been dead or who knows.

Answer: I have no specifics on this matter, we follow the same protocol brought down from HQ, which are handed down by Dept of Health. Our Clinical team is doing what we need and is expected per policy. We share the frustration with all of you on this call. Please be respectful during this call, no harm for anyone is needed.

Dan Van Ogle

Question 12: Who is in charge? We know it is not your fault, but protocols are not happening. They do not make sense, quarantines in place, why are we testing them every week?

Answer: SCCC has daily to weekly calls with HQ for clinical representation to report too. Educating on trends, guidance on what to do. Our HQ team reports to Department of Health and the Governor office. We are following the guidance of what we can make happen with limited staff and cooperation from all at SCCC.

Lisa Flynn Correctional Admin.

Our team of individuals are from medical, custody, food, laundry, HQ we have meetings with Don Holbrook our lead Deputy Assistant Secretary along with other meetings with clinical and the information is reported back to us.

Question 13: Escalating meeting with no answers. On another note, has a new yard schedule come out for the population?

Answer:

Yes, it came out last week, with staffing on day shift is minimal. We are low on officers which we close the yard for minimal staff presence. Why we had to do moves last night to close the gym with added staff. ERT staff to F south free up 6 positions. We are also planning 1/ 2 facility to main line. starting insulin tonight starting. cohorts not running to mainline and separating for more yard. Get meal and bring it back.

Question 14: What are the statistics from COVID?

Answer ICP/ CPM R. Schreiber 385 positives, 241active, Quarantine 1362. No positives in last 24 hrs. SCCC pending 400 tests pending, 444 cleared there are 33 available to work on kitchen crew. Next testing time tomorrow 5/19/22. SCCC needs Low numbers to clear more workers into the kitchen. Too help mainline in conjunction to ramp up am, pm kitchen crews.

Question 15 Frozen meals delivered to loved ones, delivered frozen or not cooked all the way? A lot of report with families still happening. Breakfast time and dinner time for many units still frozen

Answer ICP/ CPM R. Schreiber There was a mix up of G unit a tier frozen meals due to no access to microwaves. Temperature checks being done to make sure warm and heated properly. FMS Attard & Supt. Van Ogle have founded solutions to this and checking temperatures of meals delivered.

Attard- Last week's boats/ frozen bologna sandwiches, we went into- lock down. We don't have room to keep boats out of the freezer, we defrosted as quickly as we could. We have fixed that problem now and they are getting pulled out 2 days prior and defrosted. We get these supplies frozen from AHCC. Delivered Into freezer in warehouse, as needed the warehouse brings them over frozen to the kitchen. lunches with breakfast items are made in house.

Question 16 Testing – why not in cohorts?

Answer PCR testing is done at cell front.

Question 17 Q. 4 positive staff now there are 5 more?

Answer 9 more from last week positive Staff members.
A lot of Exhaustion, staff calling in sick.

Question 18: No transfer in a while at SCCC nothing been reported. Rumor that Walla Walla got a positive from SCCC?

Answer: Tuberculosis person was transferred for a Negative pressure room.

Question 19: Why have we not done Rapid testing? Not forcing I/I to move which makes more sense to rapid. If in the last 90 days no PCR or asymptomatic. Is a rapid test not quicker and better, something to consider?

Answer: RN4 Lynch SCCC does a combo, a PCR on reg scheduled timeline and non-symptomatic are rapid testing on medications clinically.

Waiver Incarcerated are signing to quarantine in unit cells only for deemed high risk patients by our medical providers.

Question 20: Collaboration? In hopes to have flow- how for higher ups to HQ and CDC DOH. Implementing data affecting on facility level. Policy and implementation and its affects gather all info. CDC recommend not required. Always sleep way on changes. cure or protocol even affective.

Answer: HQ more effective than ever, with weekly and daily communications with SCCC. Correctional Admin. Lisa Flynn has been on site here at SCCC. SCCC has communicated effectively, such as moving Individuals that refused. Our staff was in units for hours, we are moving forward as best as we can.

Question 21: Staff bringing it in viruses are they not required to wear an N95.

Answer: Mask mandated in Quarantine & Isolations units. All staff entering those units must be fit tested per Captains directives. Safety officers have all been fitted. SCCC has N95 s in officer's station, Surgical in many areas encouraging everyone to use them if out of those units.

Kudos to H3 CPM/ ICP Schreiber

H3 interaction was very tense yet respectful with the conversation that took place with the incarcerated. Your loved ones appreciated it. We got concerns addressed in many areas after that meeting. I told them I would return to meet with them a second time. I went back and we continued to have good conversations, and all were very respectful. Thank you

RN4 Lynch- I as well was also in units till 2 am and another night late too. SCCC appreciates the kindness and respect we were shown by your loved ones. The I/I need to hear this with all this getting vaccinated and healthcare choices we are all having to make. They are very good guys...

Comments/Closing – Thank you all for your participation. Please be safe.