

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** Stafford Creek Corrections Center

**Date and Time:** 06/08/2022 3:00 PM

### Attendees

- SCCC Staff – Associate Penrose, Supt. Haynes, CPM/ ICP Schreiber, HSM Evans, Captain Rubalcaba, Security Bolden, Supt. Haynes, CPM Baltzell, Correctional Admin. Lisa Flynn, DOC Perkinson, DOC Ritter, Monica, DOC Melhuish, Caroline AA3 Ramos, Aulakh, Harj, Copeland, William, Flynn Lisa, Hathaway Cheyenne, Lynch Melissa, McGarrah Kerri, Perkinson Paige, Taylor Dawn
- LFC Officers: State Rep Lydia Schoen; Co-Chair Diane Sifres, Secretary Vanessa Lewis
- Family members – Roll Call wasn't taken
- Susan Wade, Bethany DuSchene, Sarah Leon, Anna Ivanov, Annie Trepanier, Shante Holmes, Tammy Bertrand, Julie Carlson, Heather, Jeannette Revay, Aja Shamburger, Andrea, Triggs, Stacey Wu #4 non-DOC phone numbers.

**DISCLAIMER: These notes are from a meeting one week ago; therefore, many of these answers are outdated at this time. SCCC is in a different place this week and the notes do not reflect where we are at now.**

### Covid-19

Three pods clear  
654 in Quarantine  
Two actives positive,  
425 cleared Quarantine  
646 recovered

**Question:** What is the process of coming off the outbreak?

COVID 19- Spread has slowed down a bit thank fully. Thanks to those cooperating and going into Isolation when Positive diagnosis given. SCCC must wait 10 days then do a PCR test and all must be cleared in their POD to the next step. Weekly PCR tests until all are negative and then on day 10 Rapid test. They will be clear if all are negative, or it starts all over again. Currently the process is looking like 21 days because of no movement which turned the 11-day process to 21 days. We had 2 positives moved to isolation for the process to move more smoothly. Possibly PODS will be cleared soon however, this is an ever-moving date, we hope we are over the hump

### **Good Resource**

SCCC	Livable Occupancy	
FS		48
FN		96
H1	A POD	130
	B POD	127
H2	A POD	123
	B POD	126
H3	A POD	109
	B POD	123
H4	A POD	117
	B POD	121
H5	A POD	133
	B POD	122

### Weekly Updates:

Terms of Facility wide outbreak SCCC will try to find out next week? working on it now. We are still tracking and testing currently.

COVID 19- Spread has slowed down a bit. Thanks to those cooperating and going into Isolation when Positive diagnosis given. Just having a negative 10 day waiting on prior testing. Anticipate waiting till the Incarcerated Individuals Rapid antigen test negative after positive diagnosis. To show that virus is not shedding. End of 10 Rapid Antigen Test negative to become clear pods at that time. No moving Incarcerated Individuals out of units turned a 11 day to a 21-day timeframe. Looking good right now, two positives could have held up the unit a week and a half, they moved to Isolation to keep pod from being on this so much longer. Being thankfully considerate to others

### LFC Questions sent in prior to meeting & ROUNDTABLE

Question 1 When will Library access be available to the Incarcerated Individuals.

Answer We hope soon to have this happen, Due to refusal by Incarcerated Individuals to move or isolate when found positive. The POD or Unit must be 10 days clear after a negative Rapid Antigen test by the recovered, at a minimum this takes 21 days. A request can be sent to access library materials if needed.

Question 2. How many Incarcerated Individuals kite by dining hall to report not feeling well after latent/ COVID diagnosis? How often is the Kite box checked?

Answer Medical checks the locked kite boxes daily, 7 days a week, too secure for privacy

Question 3: Overcrowding in Department of Corrections institutions to the point that there is no real possibility to social distance that much in a cell. Seems that outbreaks could be controlled faster and more effectively if inmates were able to spread out more.

Answer -Maintain social distance at all times is recommended for everyone in SCCC.

**Additional Comments:** I will ask Headquarters regarding other buildings to house during outbreaks. In the past we have used Regional Care Facilities, I have not heard if they will be reopening this idea.

Question 4. Will DOC consider or have they already petitioned the governor to use vacant state-owned buildings/ properties to expand housing the incarcerated during outbreaks. Even if used only temporarily to quarantine.

**Comment:** Regarding the Tuberculosis and possibly COVID cases numbers are different on the website and given at weekly meetings in addition to the explanation given today.

Inquiry No, Head Quarters revelations concerning Regional Center Facilities during past outbreak. It is a safety valve for Isolation cases only currently. They will place in Regional Center Facilities on enhancements and medical oversight. No insight currently for this.

Question 5. Regarding the Tuberculosis and possibly COVID cases numbers of differences on website given in comparison in weekly meetings, in addition to the explanation already today. How off is SCCC website on being updated with the correct statistics shared at the LFC Covid call in weekly meetings.

Answer We have two options

1. We give you our most recent #'s and you accept they will differ.
2. We quit giving #'s on this call.

Dr. Strict responded to some of these questions on how it's a conflict with meeting with Department of Health and the data gathering for Tuberculosis and COVID-19 conversations. Reporting latent and active with direction, and additional questions will be answered with Guidance from leadership for reporting. SCCC is waiting on conversation on what is appropriate for reporting on these meetings. Dr. Strict responded, only a few answers from previous meetings stating Latent does not require Quarantine and not infectious.

Tuberculosis is not a lifelong disease, both latent & active with medical guidance shows recovering status. SCCC is waiting on details still on more guidance to best provide data, to address the Tuberculosis issue.

Question 6. Is there scabies in H1?

Answer SCCC has no active scabies cases currently.

## Question 7

1. If SCCC is expanding COVID 19 processes to 21 days, are you moving new people into units? Do gym movements clocks re start when a new Incarcerated Individual gets put in the gym?

Answer SCCC tries to keep from moving clear to quarantine. Only emergency moves which we cannot count those until I/I not shedding the antigen from positive results. When we have moved, we did not have this issue! the gym has not affected status in the living areas.

1. Question 8. Is SCCC transferring on Emergency situation unit to unit or accepting from other facilities?

NO limited due to COVID/ protocols while on outbreak status.

Question 9 SCCC does not have updated numbers, last ones were on 5/6/22. Been a month with no info to provide out to the family members.

Answer Clarifying what beyond reported, next month update awaiting on details, For the 30-day period. Transitioning with support from Department of Health. That was not available today, more details will be included, awaiting on those too share.

Question 10 Conflicting schedule Department Of Health this is the second or third call with questions that is not matching what we were told. We have weakened immune systems; we keep getting told conflicting information. When will Dr. Strict be on the call? Dr. Strict stated tuberculosis testing says online, latent can go active if immune weakened. Dr. Strict needs to be on this call.

Answer SCCC will seek direction for that effort too happen.

Question 11 We understand clinic and data collecting, told one thing and then no numbers since 5/6/2. How many people have left to regional care Facilities? (Answer We only had one that has left,) to a negative pressure room, we can figure the numbers. SCCC is fading patients since January, with the new Clinic open no firm data has yet too been given. Next week start giving us numbers please. Point is we are not getting what we were going to be told. Each week for weeks, we at least need to come here, with tested numbers. We are not asking for HIPPA information.

Answer There is a confusion with Tuberculosis on longevity due to collection If positive, a x ray done, for symptoms, negative pressure room to be safe if cultures not back yet. Tuberculosis is very different than COVID. We must keep symptomatic in EFV and not around others. The I/I that left us, were to negative pressure rooms. We don't want to give you inaccurate numbers, why we are still waiting on the data to release.

Regional care Facility not utilized for Tuberculosis, was created for a reason.

Was created for medical supervision for symptomatic patients. Not asymptomatic, alternate housing for the very ill and needed negative pressure room.

Question 12 Are the recovered going back to work now?

Answer Recovered are going back to work, those that are quarantined cleared must be rapid tested. Work areas that are opened: Janitorial, Medical and food Service.

Question 13 Is there a written protocol for Tuberculosis outbreaks?

Answer

Positive & Active cases are confirmed by mapping, there is not a written protocol. Dr. strict to respond when she is available, Tuberculosis different than COVID.

Question 14 Tuberculosis cultures take how long?

Answer 1-10 days depends not 100 % sure. Not giving answers that are not accurate, not a service to your family member. I will find the numbers and get back to you,

Question 15 Why are we getting answers/ numbers that are not correct.

Answer It is not that we are not unprepared or avoiding not having answers. Off the cup on explaining, we need question in advance. We have Mr. Evans as a medical person here for initial questions. FAQ for Tuberculosis. Latent questions or handouts due too, no risks and how we separate the individuals. If we would have had questions in advance would have been greatly prepared. Reassurance with numbers, we have so many resources to facilitate with nurses out in SCCC facility. I cannot provide you data currently, we will do better at getting these numbers to you. Tuberculosis clinic itself running well, many have started on Medicine.

Question 16 You are saying that Center Disease Center/Tuberculosis/ COVID not quite as a concern to us?

Answer SCCC is concerned about tuberculosis/ Covid-19 we are in meetings regularly with Head Quarters, Department of Health, and the Center Disease Center. We are tracking, while not breaking any HIPPA laws of the information we share out.

**Inquiry/Comment:** Are you sending out notices to those at risk to get tested? Do they at least know, my husband refused and then got tested? If they don't know that they were exposed in the units, how will they know? I get Tuberculosis is different, but as family members we keep getting conflicting information. Even Dr. Strict changed her information stating Latent TB is not contagious. Latent TB individuals are a risk for those who they are around, this makes the family very worried.

Thank you- Lisa Flynn I apologize to share the success you hit home on importance. How you supported your loved one they went and got tested. SCCC has an approach to tell everyone to get tested / staff, annually for Tuberculosis. Medical will have more questions addressed shortly.

Question 17 3937-Sarah Leon is the protocol still to clear units 1 PCR and 2 Rapid Antigen Testing.

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In quarantined areas where incarcerated individuals testing positive for COVID-19 are initially identified, those testing negative will be re-tested every 3-4 days for the first week and then every 7 days thereafter. During an outbreak, asymptomatic or mild-moderately symptomatic patients with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 can release from medical isolation after only 7 days from the COVID-19 test date if they are clinically improving, have been afebrile (without fever reducing medication) for 72 hours and have one negative COVID-19 rapid antigen test prior to clearance. More frequent testing may be necessary depending on environmental factors and severity of the outbreak in discussion with the ICP and EOC. f. Once serial testing results show that all incarcerated individuals in the living area or work release have two negative tests on days 7 and 10-14 AND they have been on quarantine status at least 10 days from their last contact with COVID positive or symptomatic patients, the living area or work release can be

Question 18. This is a blanket statement to just not disclose. Can you explain why we can't get info.

Answer We are learning from others on how to disclose information the Department of Corrections is not the same as Department of Health. We have a vulnerable population. They are in prison and truly because we don't want to keep info from others to have.

**Request:** Information is still needed and would like to have appropriate medical and other professionals to be at our meetings.

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