

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 9/28/2022 3:00 P.M.

Attendees

- SCCC Staff: Food Manager R. Attard, HSM S. Evans, Assoc Supt of Programs G. Penrose, CPM Baltzell, Assoc. Supt of Operation D. Van Ogle, CPM R. Schreiber, SCCC Captain R. Rubalcaba
- LFC Officers: State Rep Vacant; Co-Chair Diane Sifres, Secretary Vacant
- Family members – Monica Ritter, Sarah Leon, Lydia Schoen, Catherine Antee, Shawnte Holmes, Paige Perkinson, Joanne Todd, Aja McKnigt, Anna Ivanov, Jayme Longoria, Annie Trepanier, Unidentified Individuals

Weekly Updates:

Updated Numbers

- G-42
- H1-2
- H2-1
- confirmed with PCR test

Facility Wide Outbreak status memo read by Gina Penrose (memo attached below)
G and H1 medical and meals will be in unit

Round table

Q: Are you in a staff cluster as well? CI and kitchen workers being tested prior to work?

A: Yes, medical only. Not at this time, it is not recommended

Q: What about H2 and their positive?

A: Until there are 2 positives in a unit it will not be part of the affected area. However, everyone is on quarantine due to SCCC being in facility wide outbreak. Again, 2 or more positives make the unit part of the affected area.

Q: Why are people not tested immediately if someone tests positive in the unit?

A: Tomorrow the entire facility is being tested. Testing right away is not part of the protocols we have been directed to follow.

Q: Do we have access to the clinical advice protocols?

A: All can be found in the safe start.

Q: Is there an interim place for people to go if they test negative when their celly tests positive? A place that is away from the other covid positive people. Seems more beneficial to be isolated out.

A: Filters in G unit have been upgraded for quarantine separation.

Q: We appreciate recreation schedule staying as is. Since P building is closed, do you have a plan to reallocate staff to help keep yard as open as possible?

A: Yes, we will do so as often as possible.

Q: When you have meetings with HQ for safe start...Is it a 2-way conversation? Do they ask about how many in the population need medical attention or just ask for numbers of positives?

A: Meetings are every day. Yes, we have 2-way conversations. They ask full in-depth questions and have conversations that require details to guide us on the next steps

Q: Are you tracking number and percentages over the last 6 months for those needing medical attention? Would like to have that information available

A: I do not and don't not know if anyone is doing that-G. Penrose. Will inquire if it is already done. If it is not, inquire about having it done.

Q: What is the clinical reason for moving individuals from G unit H3 for quarantine?

A: Nobody was placed in quarantine in H3. Individuals promoting last week could have been possible, but they were not placed there for quarantine.

COMMENT:

Rapid tests are done for medical reasons and if they are incoming/leaving the facility. That is how we found our 1st positive.

Q: Is it true that visiting has been closed for this weekend? There should be some adjustments made for families. Kids are very upset, please reconsider. The risk is limited when rapid tests are done prior to visiting.

A: Yes, visiting is closed due to being on facility wide outbreak. EFV's are also closed.

Q: 1st positive was in G on Monday. Was there someone else who caused it to be a facility wide outbreak on Monday morning? Why was visiting required to put on masks on Monday if we were not on facility wide outbreak? Paper on table need to be updated or consistency needs to be a thing.

A: No list of numbers and areas at this time. Schreiber is working on that for later in this meeting (see numbers above). Limited area outbreak requires masks. Safe start and 33.1 are being followed.

Q: When you go into outbreak status, where are the guidelines for vending machines in visiting? Sounds like vending machines being closed is a facility decision.

A: Nothing stating vending machines cannot be used was found in safe start. Paper in visiting room states county colors that require us to follow certain checklists. Please see page 30 and 31 in Safe Start on IDOC (additional information regarding vending machines below).

Q: Grays Harbor County is on green. Why are we on outbreak status?

A: SCCC as a facility is on outbreak (yellow).

Q: 1 patient in dental that tested positive...was he a transfer or did he already reside at Stafford?

A: I have not looked at his transfer history-G. Penrose

Q: You upgraded the filters in G. Has it been discussed for the other units to be done?

A: No. G has wet cells and this allows for the best isolation/quarantine. Other units have communal bathrooms.

Q: Is F South and North still occupied with transfers?

A: No, south is not open. We are trying to manage the best we can without opening it since we are short staffed. North is the IMU.

Q: Where is the medical area staff cluster?

A: Health Services, as a whole, is in cluster status. 2 positive staff within 14 days put us in cluster status for that area.

Q: Not testing before work... is that a Stafford thing or a HQ thing? You would think there would be a blanket rule of testing protocols.

A: This was decided on our daily calls for Stafford Creek. We do not know what is being done at other facilities. Every facility has different facility/structural and staffing restrictions

COMMENT posted in chat:

When local county COVID-19 levels are moderate (yellow) or high (red) facilities will follow these guidelines along with those identified in the Safe Start plan:

- Visit periods remain up to three hours in duration.
- Vending machines remain closed.

Q: You meet with HQ every day. Why again are you not testing immediately when there is a positive? Previously staff have been tested 2x a week, have you gone back to testing again?

A: Yes, staff are testing weekly and medical staff are testing 2x a week.

Q: What is being done about chow hall?

A: The facility is back on grab and go except H1 and G. They are the affected units and eating within the unit.

COMMENTS:

Why do the unaffected units get closed down from visiting but not the chow hall? Institution is not being proactive enough with the flu season. Why is there no industrial dishwasher? It must be a money issue. You are putting convenience and money over peoples lives. Why can't our suggestions be passed on to the policy makers? There should be posters for people to ask staff for water, there should be more. What is the LFC for then...

Q: Would it be possible to convince HQ that the facilities know more about their own people? This will allow facilities to make more decisions versus HQ making them all. You guys need the flexibility.

A: That's why we have daily calls. We do give input and ask for consideration of certain circumstances. As much as we try to run all facilities the same, we all know each case and facility is a case by case basis.

COMMENT:

We have 2 different affected areas in the facility with positives. So, testing for the whole facility is being done tomorrow. It is not being done today because of the prep work that is required. This will give us a baseline of how infected the facility is.

Q: Visiting papers only have the info for red and green status, not yellow. They need to be replaced so families know what is going on when changes happen. Can we be involved in a conversation with HQ daily calls so they know our concerns are well?

A: We will look at adjusting those.

Q: Why are JPay video visits blocked for this weekend (visit was trying to be scheduled w/individual in H4). Why are you blocking these?

A: They are not shut down. We will be looking into it. Day rooms are open, we are not running by tier. Phones and jpays are open so people can contact their family. We are NOT blocking JPays or video visits.

COMMENT:

Video visits are not blocked, I was able to schedule one.

COMMENT:

33.1 version, 2nd paragraph states flexibility. But again, there is a huge disconnect between boots on the ground and HQ. You have more power and I hope you use it. Use the flexibility

Q: Is the new pods open for the medical that the gym was being used for? (pods are referring to trailers that are being set up for TB patients)

A: Not at this time, still being worked on and moving forward.

Q: Cohorting... If 1 cohort as a whole is not positive, will that cohort be able to have visiting?

A: Once we have tomorrow's testing completed we will be able to gage what we can do.

Comments/Closing –

Thank you to everyone for attending. We will be back again next **Wednesday, 10/05/2022 3:00PM**

SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW

[Safe Start Strategic Plan: Washington State Corrections COVID-19 Response R. 9/1/2022](https://doc.wa.gov/docs/publications/100-SP015.pdf)

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[WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline Version 33.1 \(R. 9/13/2022\)](https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/docs/screening-testing-infection-control-guideline.pdf)

doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/docs/screening-testing-infection-control-guideline.pdf

[Prison Visits | Washington State Department of Corrections](https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/incarceration/visiting/prison-visits.htm#covid19-guidelines)

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September 28, 2022

TO: All SCCC Staff
All SCCC Incarcerated Individuals
All Interested Parties

FROM: Rob Schreiber, Incident Commander
SCCC Incident Command Post

SUBJECT: SCCC COVID-19 Full Facility Wide Outbreak Status

On September 28, 2022, SCCC is now in Full Facility Wide Outbreak Status.

On September 29, 2022, all incarcerated Individuals will be tested facility wide. H1 will test Saturday October 1, 2022. The next testing date for all units will be October 4, 2022.

G Unit and H1 will be fed in the unit, all other units will start grab and go mainline effective at dinner mainline tonight. Unit day rooms will remain open at this time.

The Recreation schedule currently in place will continue to be called for all living units.

All programing, Visitation and Extended Family Visit's have been paused until further notice.

CI laundry and kitchen workers will continue to report to work with the exception of H-1 and G Unit workers who will remain in unit on Quarantine Status.

Masks are required to be worn at all times outside of the cells both indoors and outdoors.

Staff must wear N95 masks in all living units and areas that are deemed an Isolation or Quarantine area. In instances of close contact with incarcerated a face shield, gown, and gloves are required.

It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), as well as social distancing at all times. Please encourage and model the same behavior that we expect from our incarcerated population.

Similarly, it is vital that we continue to follow the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidelines](#), ensuring to follow the six (6) foot social distancing rule, washing your hands, and keeping areas of the institution sanitized. Staff must remain diligent in wearing your masks at all times, as your safety, as well as your family's, are a priority.

Corrections is committed to everyone's safety. We will continue to communicate with you as we progress through this pandemic.

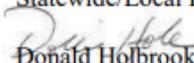
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August 26, 2022

TO: All Superintendents
All Incarcerated Individuals
Statewide/Local Family Councils

FROM:  Donald Holbrook, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Prison Division

SUBJECT: Interim Visitation Guidelines – (Safe Start)

This memo is intended to specify interim guidance for visitation rooms until Safe Start Corrections releases updates that reflect new masking guidance and Version 33 of the [Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline \(pdf\)](#).

Current community levels can be found [at this link](#). Visit room staff will be expected to ensure incarcerated individuals and their visitors are aware which protocols apply.

When COVID-19 local county levels are low (green) and COVID-19 activity is minimal at the individual facility (not on any outbreak or cluster status the following Visitation Guidelines will be followed:

Duration – Visitors will have the ability to schedule two 3-hour sessions for up to six hours without a break between when operationally available.

Vending Machine Access – Visitors will have access to vending machines for food and beverages based on availability by contract vendors.

- Visit Room staff will use the table numbers to call visitors up to access vending machines one table at a time.
- Cleaning supplies will be available for visitors to wipe down the machines after getting items.
- Water bottles will still be available for visitors to request.

Children's Areas -- Children's areas are open, but physical distancing remains encouraged. We encourage visitors to allow the child to pick out a toy and return to the table rather than remain in the play area. Visitors will be responsible for wiping the toy down with sanitization wipes before returning it to the play area.

Free Photo Program -- Photos may be taken at the table or at available backdrops within the visit room.

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Physical Touching – A brief kiss and hug at the beginning of the visit and at the end is authorized. Visitors may continue to hold hands or touch below the elbow on the forearm with hands remaining above the table at all times.

When COVID-19 local county levels are moderate (yellow) or high (red) facilities will follow current established protocols listed in Safe Start. However, the basic guidelines for these facilities are as listed:

- Visit period will maintain current allowance of up to 3 hours.
- Vending machines remain closed.
- Face masks are always required, except for when taking drinks of water. Water bottles are available from staff upon request.
- Free photo program continues, but masks must remain on in the pictures and will be taken at the tables.
- No kissing is authorized. A brief hug is allowed at the beginning and end of the visit. Visitors may continue to hold hands or touch below the elbow on the forearm with hands remaining above the table at all times.
- Children's Areas -- Children's areas remain closed. However, visitors will be authorized to go with the child to pick out one toy and return to their table during each 3-hour visit period.
 - The visitor will notify visit staff that they would like to pick out a toy for their child.
 - When approved to proceed, the visitor will escort the child to the play area to select a toy, limiting the touching of multiple items. Sanitization wipes will be available.
 - When time permits, staff may authorize one more trip to the toy area to select another toy.
 - Toys will be taken out of play and sanitized between visit period or after each use.

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COVID-19 Guidelines

Contact visitation resumed in Washington State Department of Corrections prisons on August 15, 2021 for individuals not in restricted housing with the following rules and COVID-19 precautions in place. The COVID-19 Visit Guidelines are [available in Spanish](#).

Extended Family Visits (EFV)

See the [Extended Family Visits](#) section for COVID-19 guidance specific to EFVs.

General

When local county COVID-19 levels are low (green) and COVID-19 activity is minimal at the individual facility the following may occur:

- Visitors who are scheduled for two visit sessions on the same day may remain in the visit room with the incarcerated individual through the break between the visits when operationally available.
- Masking is optional.
- A brief hug and kiss at the beginning and end of the visit may occur.
- Visitors may continue to hold hands or touch below the elbow on the forearm with hands remaining on the table.
- Vending machines will be available for use by visitors at the direction of facility staff, requiring visitors to wipe down machines at touch points after use.
- Children's Areas will be open, but physical distancing is encouraged, visitors are encouraged to allow a child to pick out a toy and return to their table rather than remaining in the play area. The adult escorting the child to visit is responsible for sanitizing the item before returning it to the play area.
- Photos may be taken at the table or at available backdrops in the visit room.

When local county COVID-19 levels are moderate (yellow) or high (red) facilities will follow these guidelines along with those identified in the Safe Start plan:

- Visit periods remain up to three hours in duration.
- Vending machines remain closed.
- Face masks are required except when taking drinks of water. Water will be provided upon request.
- Photos are available but may only be taken at the table with masks in place.
- No kissing is authorized.
- A brief hug is allowed at the beginning and end of the visit and visitors may continue to hold hands or touch below the elbow on the forearm with hands above the tables.
- Children's areas are closed; however, visitors will be able to go with the child to pick out one toy and return to their table during each 3-hour visit period. Please request direction from staff.
- Up to five approved visitors of any age may visit the incarcerated individual. Infants and children are counted as visitors.
- Contact visitation may occur except where otherwise prohibited by policy.
- Use the [COVID-19 Prison Visit Appointment Request](#) form to request a visit date and time.
- **Due to check-in, active screening, security screening, and rapid antigen testing, the duration of visits will be less than three hours.**
- The number of visits an incarcerated individual may receive during a month may be limited depending on facility operations and volume of visitors.
- Facility emergencies may affect operations; these are unforeseen and visitation may end early or may be cancelled. Visitors are urged to confirm visit status with the facility prior to traveling to visit.
- Searches have fully resumed. All persons are subject to search. Refusal to submit to the security screening process, including searches will be cause for the denial of entry and potentially suspension of visitation privileges.