

TB & COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 10/05/2022 3:00 P.M.

Attendees

- SCCC Staff: Superintendent J. Bennett, CPM R. Schreiber, HSM S. Evans, AA A. Carlson, FSM R. Attard, CC J. Wright, CC L. Olden, SS M. Bolden, Sec Senior K. McGarrah, RN M. Lynch, P. Perkinson, M. Ritter, Assoc. Supt. D. Van Olge, E. Meade, AA K. Linker, CPM S. Baltzell, Sec. Senior A Clift, CPPC B. Mansford, LBA S. Richardson.
- LFC Officers: State Rep Vacant; Co-Chair: Absent; Secretary Vacant
- Family members – Tammy Goodard, Annie Trepanier, Lydia Schoen, Catherine Antee, Anna Ivanov, Sarah Leon, Shawnte Holmes, Joanne Todd, Wu, Stacey, Unidentified Individuals

Weekly Updates:

TB

Clinic continues to function. SCCC has worked through primary lists once. We are now going back through the list of refusers, reengaging the conversation with them and hopefully these individuals will engage in testing. Annual tests are still being done and going well.

This will include data starting May 1st 2021 through September 30th 2022

- 16,241 evaluations on 11,377 individuals statewide
- 3,608 evaluations on 1,696 individuals at SCCC
- 262 Total positives statewide, 242 of those are at SCCC
- 151 completed treatment, statewide 145 of these are at SCCC
- 62 under treatment, 48 of those are at SCCC

A memo was sent out in regard to individuals refusing testing. (see attached). Due to this, timelines may be a little longer for some units than others. The timelines are built off each individual unit, not the facility as a whole.

Starting with dinner today, mainline will be returning to grab and go by unit. Pill and insulin line will also be at that time. We are trying to get pill and insulin as close to mainline as possible with still allowing recreation. We want to make that work. All II have received a kiosk stating this new change.

We have certain area open for those housed in units without multiple positives. Individuals are being rapid tested prior to each shift. Garden workers are still able to tend to the garden in front of their unit, rapid test not required.

Facility Name:	Stafford Creek Correction Center	Date: 10/06/22
	Outbreak Total I/I Positive Cases: 120	Unit Totals:
	Current Active Cases: 64	G: 86
	Total Isolation: 2	H1: 7
	Total Quarantine: 597	H2: 25
		H3: 0
		H4: 0
		H5: 1
		H6: 1
		F: 0

Round table

Q: Why are 2x as many people quarantining than those that are testing positive? (the above numbers are updated from the meeting on 10/05).

A: This is due to the protocols for limited area outbreak and now facility wide outbreak.

Q: The people who are refusing to test, why can't you put just them on isolation or quarantine instead of placing everyone on?

A: We do not have a way to separate them out. Within the units there are individuals who are positive, have refused to test, or have requested to self-isolate. The day rooms remain open for use, and individuals mix in the area.

Q: Are people not going to a special place to quarantine anymore?

A: All are given the choice to quarantine or self-isolate. The option to go to GA for isolation/quarantine is there but it is voluntary.

COMMENT

Those that decline testing go through 20 days of quarantine time. That does not start until the individual's unit it deemed clear by those who are testing (See attached memo).

COMMENT

- 1: Please move those that don't want to test. Have them quarantine in a different unit.
2. Instead of giving them (the positives) the choice to stay in unit, move them somewhere else to isolate/quarantine until they are well

Q: What is the timeline? According to a CO the quarantine ends much sooner if no one tests. Everyone is under the impression that after 20 days everything will go back to normal.

A: The 20 days start when everyone who has tested, and tested positive, has had 2 negative tests in 14 days. Each individual unit has a timeline to follow.

Q: What about the whole units who refused testing?

A: If the whole unit refused to test, their unit would be clear on day 21. However, if we go out an offer testing again and someone tests...then the 20 days is based off of a new timeline of 2 negative tests in 14

days from that testing. There is much confusion and until we get tests results back, we cannot give a timeframe on when a unit clear.

COMMENT

Those who tested positive will get rapid tested on day 8. If they are negative, the individual will be covid clear.

Q: How many positives are in each unit? What is the break down per unit?

A: Numbers for 10/5 have been updated. They can be found at the top of page 2 in this document.

Q: My son was in H2, tested negative 2x, but was still sent to G unit? Do you agree with this?

A: No, I do not. Those who are on GA tier are on isolation or quarantine and do not interact with each other. The option to go to GA for isolation/quarantine is voluntary, each individual is a case-by-case basis.

Q: Why there are so many cases at SCCC versus other facilities? How in the world is it getting in if it's not through DOC? What are you doing to alleviate this issue? How can DOC SCCC make sure covid doesn't happen anymore? What can be done to make it better?

A: Not 1 person in ICP wants to be dealing with this again after 3 years. We do our serial rapid tests 1x a week, limited area clusters rapid test 2x a week. We cannot control what people do in their off time. Use of masks or where they go are beyond our control.

COMMENT

Here's an idea...Test staff every day and make everyone wear a mask

Q: Deciding to test staff 1x a week and medical is 2x a week. Was that pre or post cluster in the medical area?

A: That was decided post cluster in the medical area.

Q: What areas are you in cluster with staff?

A: Our health services area.

Q: With all units now on outbreak status. What are the staff testing protocols?

A: Staff is testing 1x a week and medical is 2x a week.

Q: The opportunity to have the choice to cell in...this sounds like it is an II choice?

A: Correct.

Q: If staff come up inconclusive are they sent home?

A: Yes, any inconclusive are treated as a positive.

Q: What happens if Stafford refuses to test?

A: We have not had that happen.

Q: Is the chow hall going to 1 or both sides? Same schedule or a new one?

A: Both sides are open by cohort. Going by schedule from back in May. That schedule decreased mainline and pill line. It also worked the best for recreation.

Q: Are you documenting that ratio or percentage of those who are actually symptomatic and showing sickness?

A: As far as research goes. When we go into a facility wide outbreak, we have added the alternative clinic. The numbers attending the clinic are low but not available at this moment. We are however, experiencing much lower numbers of those that are sick/symptomatic than we have in the past. At this time, no one has gone out to the hospital during this outbreak.

Q: How many are sick and symptomatic and receiving treatment at this time?

A: Numbers are not available at this time. But if you email me (M. Lynch) I can get those numbers to you to have available for the next meeting.

*A 10/07 follow up was done with M. Lynch by A. Carlson and she stated: "We have no patients receiving treatment at this time."

Q: Who makes up the COVID clinical team?

A: It is an accumulation of clinical people established through headquarters. Dr Strict has now been replaced by Dr. Alonso Pezo Salazar. He is included in the clinical group we meet with.

Q: As an Incident Commander, who is it that meets with you in these everyday meetings?

A: There are 40 people at times on these calls. SCCC's involvement is made up of various people within our ICP.

Q: Why are those refusing testing with TB allowed to be with everyone but with COVID we put everyone on quarantine?

A: COVID and TB cannot be compared. Refusing TB testing/treatment when someone is latent- they are not contagious, and it does not affect others. As we know COVID is very contagious and does affect others.

COMMENT

We in the ICP make suggestions, best decisions, and push for the residents here to get some type of normalcy through all outbreaks.

Q: Everything was going fine. Then chow hall was opened. Who was all involved in that decision?

A: Once we received 33.1 and saw the new updates and changes it was agreed to reopen chow hall.

Q: The staff shortage is understood. Are staff encouraged to stay home and get tested when they have cold and flu symptoms? Do they have enough sick days to stay home when experiencing symptoms?

A: Everyone must go through a passive screening station when they enter the building. They are encouraged to stay home per the screening guidelines posted at the screening station. It is unknown about all staff's sick leave.

Q: If you're allowing those in CI to test to go to work...why can they not test to go to visit?

A: That is something Associate Penrose is working on with the visit people at HQ. It is definitely being looked at and considered.

Q: CI is being allowed to work. It is non-essential. Its purpose is to make money for DOC (mic broke up) it took mental health 24 hours to show up. 30 minutes for CI to make their decision.

A: Mental Health is part of our outbreak process. They are doing health checks, following up with documented individuals, as well as dozens of additional people in the facility.

Q: If someone tests positive for covid, why is a due diligence not being done? Now, it went from 1 person in H2 to people falling out, testing positive and being sick.

A: Testing is done for those leaving the facility. At this point, those individuals are only the ones required to be tested.

COMMENT

What I am understanding and hearing is.... Everyone wants something different. Masks, testing, staying. SCCC is following protocols, but you are not the ones who are making the protocols. Could you please let them know that everyone is so tired of this! When will the protocols change? When will we be at a point of when we can live with the virus? The trust and mistrust for DOC is getting larger and larger, and we just don't want to deal with this anymore.

A: We are having the discussion within the DOC about this as well. It is affecting the II's lives, and DOC.

Q If II's have to rapid test each day to go to work, why does the staff not have to rapid test each day?

A: I will propose the question.

Q: We want to help our guys. Is there anything the LFC can do?

Answer not by DOC/SCCC staff: DOC will never be in the position to say "please write to our higher ups" but we should do that.

A: HQ does listen to us. They do listen to our questions, and we don't want this to sound like we are saying they do not listen to us.

COMMENT

Superintendent Bennett: I just got here 2 weeks ago; Rob is the runner of the ICP. What you don't see is all of the ICP working on how to make these decisions in the best interest of the individuals and all of the work that goes into it.

Q: Are you open to having a family member, council member, or tier rep at these open calls?

A: At this time that determination cannot be made by me (R. Schreiber)

Comments/Closing –

Discussion from teleconference chat window:

Q: Where are the 68 people undergoing treatment at SCCC housed? (TB related)

A: All the latent cases are spread across the facility. Please remember latent cases are not infectious.

Q: So, there are no active cases, correct?

A: Correct

Q: Do we have an update on the "TB clinic" moving from the gym? Is there an ETA?

A: Work is ongoing with placement (done) all entry equipment in place, (done). Still in progress is electrical and plumbing. No firm date, but hopeful with the progress it will come soon. Sorry cannot be more firm with date

Q: Does this mean that the permit has already been issued by the City of Aberdeen and this is all in the hands of the facility now?

A: All those activities are managed by our facility maintenance team. I can have Amber request update.
*A request has been made. This topic has also been added to our Bi-Monthly agenda for Saturday 10/08.

Thank you to everyone for attending. Please email further questions to Mrs. Carlson and I will get the information back. -R. Schreiber

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:



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October 3, 2022

TO: All SCCC Staff
All SCCC Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: Rob Schreiber, Incident Commander *Rob Schreiber*

SUBJECT: Protocol for Individuals who Decline Testing/COVID-19 Housing

Please see below for the current protocol regarding Incarcerated Individuals who have declined to submit to the required COVID-19 PCR testing or decline to move to isolation or quarantine unit.

Incarcerated Individuals with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 require isolation for 7 days from the COVID-19 test date and can be removed from isolation if they test negative on a COVID-19 rapid antigen test prior to clearance.

When a Unit is on quarantine, the timeline to remove the quarantine status will begin once all Incarcerated Individuals, including COVID-19 positive patients, have tested negative. Once serial testing results show that all incarcerated individuals in the living area have two negative tests on days 5-7 and 10-14 AND they have been on quarantine status at least 10 days from their last contact with COVID-19 positive or symptomatic Incarcerated Individuals, the living area can be removed from quarantine. If any serial testing is refused, a 20-day quarantine will be indicated. The living area can be removed from quarantine on day 21.

Per COVID-19 DOC Guideline, testing will occur across the affected facility every 7 days.