

TB & COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 10/12/2022 3:00 P.M.

Attendees

- DOC: Facility Co-Chair G. Penrose, Facility Secretary A. Carlson, FMS R. Attard, CC T. Nikula, CC J. Wright, E. Meade, M. Ritter, AA K. Linker, SS M. Bolden, RN M. Lynch, CPM S. Baltzell, CPM R. Schreiber, Senior Sec. A. Clift, HSM S. Evans, Senior Sec. K. McGarrah, P. Perkinson, LBA S. Richardson
- LFC Officers: State Rep Vacant; Co-Chair Lydia Schoen for Diane Sifres, Secretary Vacant
- Family members – Jeanette Revay, Annie Trepanier, Tammey Bertrand, Lydia Schoen, Anna Ivanov, Bea, Shawnte Holmes-Davenport, Joanne Todd, Tamera Goddard, Susan Wade, Sarah Leon, MC, Unidentified Individuals

Weekly Updates:

TB

No numbers update. The DOH is working with our team to speak to and work with with a few II who are still refusing our TB assessment. Clinic continues to function and we are continuing annual tests and follow ups.

COVID

We have had 124 total positive individuals for this outbreak. At this time only 6 active positives and 584 on quarantine.

Unit Refusals:

G-77 OF 108	H1-243 OF 257
H2-216 OF 225	H3- 237 OF 243
H4- 245 OF 249	H5- 139 OF 192
H6- 252 OF 258	

We have only had mildly symptomatic patients this outbreak. Only 1 individual receiving treatment to decrease symptoms.

Round table

Q: Is the goal to move the clinic from the gym next week still happening?

A: No go live date yet. At this time we are still targeting to open next week.

(Maintenance was not on the call to give any additional info on opening)

Q: The people who are positive. Do they have symptoms

A: Yes, some do have symptoms, some do not

Q: H2 and V building are now limited area cluster outbreak areas. Does that mean all 6 active cases are in H2

A: No, the limited area cluster is due to multiple positives (staff) in that area. All 11 positives so far have come out of G, H1 and H2.

Q: Do you not have numbers of those positive for the other units due to them refusing testing?

A: See above numbers in Weekly Updates section on page 1.

When 11 refuse we have protocols as well. None of the units are 100% refusal.

Q: What is V building?

A: SCCC's maintenance area.

Q: If everyone refuses..after 20 days do they then get to visit and go back to normal?

A: Every week we offer testing because that is the protocol. Hypothetically, yes but we have to wait until everyone is 100% cleared.

Q: If visits are already scheduled for November and December do they still get to keep their times that are already scheduled?

A: If we go away from scheduling then worrying about that won't be the case. But we have been listening and are working on special visits being 2 days with the cohorts. A lot of changes are being discussed and many parts are being reviewed.

**See Memos released during meeting attached below.

Q: Limited outbreak cluster in H2 and maintenance. With staff. So, your testing 2x a week. Are staff still floating?

A: Yes, a very detailed mapping process is still being implemented to track exposures.

Q: On a regular day what is the standard staffing numbers in the units

A: 2 officers, 1 in each pod on every shift. 3rd shift includes a Sergeant. During the day 5-9 staff are present in units (1 unit manager, 1 OA, counselors, and officers)

Q: Does a limited outbreak change the number of staff in the units based off where needs are? Does this include yard staff?

A: No, and no.

Q: Does the limited area cluster affect staffing?

A: No, it makes us follow protocols and test 2x a week.

Q: For Schreiber- 2 weeks ago H5 B pod's barriers had massive body size holes in them. What is the estimated time to having those fixed? Has construction been started? If not, can we have them double sided please.

A: The current hold up is construction time. Communication has been done with the units to have them covered. I will check with engineering on that process.

Q: Is it still an option to isolate?

A: Yes, it is still an option to isolate. The positive person and cell mate are asked about isolation. We also ask those within the unit who are immunocompromised if they want to isolate. They just have to let staff know that they request isolation.

Q: G, H1, and H2..is it because people from those units won't quarantine that other units now have to?

A: Quarantine has nothing to do with those isolating or not.

COMMENT:

Have you guys considered putting a (very basic, very to the point) fact together to help individuals understand on why testing is being done? I'm proposing that be done.

Q: Stafford creek pre-covid visiting. How is that going to work when it was so different from the current cohorts. What about hours? Are those going to change as well?

A: When they talk about pre-covid standards, they are looking more at capacity and taking away scheduling. We still don't know all aspects.

Q: Your visit room only holds 78 tables. If you are taking away scheduling and make it open to both cohorts...What does that look like for families that are traveling? What about special visits? Will they have a reserved table?

A: Before when visits were not scheduled, if it was closed due to capacity people were allowed to come back at the halfway time to see if there were any open tables from those who left visit early. I do not have an answer for the special visit question.

Q: How many cohorts are in each unit?

A: 1. We are running most things by 1 unit. When off facility wide outbreak we were able to bundle cohorts (3 in 1, 4 in the other).

Q: How many does a unit hold?

A: There can be up to 272 individuals in each unit. That split in half makes up A pod and B pod

Q: how many staff does SCCC have out due to from H2 and Maintenance?

A: That number is not available at this time?

Q: It takes 2 to be a cluster in each unit/area correct? Is medical clear of it's cluster? Now this new cluster. Was it started today?

A: Yes, Yes, and it was as of yesterday's testing.

Q: Does visit have the capacity for 78 tables? The other day CPPC told us it could only hold 60.

A: We have less tables for events due to the needed space for event items. However, the goal is to allow 78 tables again for visiting.

Q: Have JPay kiosks been fixed?

A: JPay was here on Monday and all kiosks that we were notified about were fixed. We are also trying to get them to come back tomorrow. H2's kiosk did go down again and we think the computer may need to be replaced. Computers are on hand.

**See attached memo titled: Improving Program Access

Q: What does visiting fall under? Is that programming?

A: It hasn't been discussed, we are waiting for the final word to come through on how visiting will operate in the future

Q: Why are there masks outdoors? Where is this being said that they have to wear them when outdoors? Is there a checklist somewhere that maybe someone forgot to update this?

A: There is check list in safe start. *See next page

Cluster AND Outbreak Response

Actions
Open the ICP and develop a schedule to ensure ICP staffing and coverage to include Health Services staff in the ICP. (Seven day a week schedule) A virtual ICP is a good option.
For FACILITY POPULATION:
Operations and the Testing Lead work together to confirm the testing portal is up to date with individuals currently housed at the facility. Contact the Statewide Testing Unit Leader for guidance if adjustments are needed.
Work with the IPN to quarantine any potential close contacts to cases within the facility population.
Prior to moving individuals to another unit for medical quarantine, ensure the individual packs their own property to take with them to their new location. If there is property that is not able to go to the new location, place in storage for re-issue if necessary. Refer to the Minimum Allowable Personal Property for ISO/Quarantine Housing form. Individuals moved to isolation may not need to pack up all their property if the plan is to return them to the same cell upon clearing isolation.
Reinstitute mandatory routine masking outdoors per the Routine Masking Guidance throughout the facility.

Q: JPay technician who does repairs. Are they a jpay employee or a doc employee? Do they come on a regular schedule?

A: They are a JPay employee with DOC escort. They come on an as needed basis as they are the only technician on this side of the mountains.

Q: A Supervisor (?) at JPay told me that there is an employee at ever facility that is on site to troubleshoot JPay and kiosk issues.

A: SCCC does not have a designated employee for this. We knew having someone on site at the facilities was discussed but have never heard additional remarks about it.

Q: No Jpay person went to H2. Was JPay able to visit all units or no?

A: Only a few units were not visited. H2 was on the list and serviced. However, the kiosk went back offline after the technician left. Our facility does not currently have a way to fix machines.

Q: JPAY timeline

A: Currently phones are being installed. Timeline is phones, tablets, and then new machines.

Q: For Mr. Evans and Ms. Lynch: has mental staff been reminded recently on how to handle mental health during this outbreak and double lock downs?

A: Yes, they are still doing their walk through 2x a week and checking in with the already documented individuals. No mental health emergency's have been declared during this outbreak, no observations either.

COMMENT:

So you're saying you have no concern for mental health during double lock downs for 2 hours? You feel confident in these staff?

Q: Where are 13-423 health services kites kept? How often are they picked up?

A: They are available to all staff in the S Drive and can also be found in the unit resource rooms. There is also always the option to declare a mental health emergency for immediate help. They are picked up daily, triaged every morning and assigned to the counselors for follow up.

Q: Is programming going on when in facility wide outbreak?

A: No, only critical need jobs are open at this time. However, education has been distributing laptops to allow distance learning.

[Comments/Closing](#) –

[Thank you all for coming. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 19 from 3:00-4:00 pm via teams.](#)

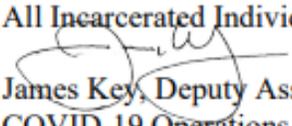
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October 12, 2022

TO: All Interested Parties
All Incarcerated Individuals

FROM:  James Key, Deputy Assistant Secretary
COVID-19 Operations

RE: Special Visit Accommodations during Facility-Wide Clusters and any Outbreaks

We are developing safe plans to accommodate intrastate visitors and international visitors traveling over 500+ miles one-way who have arranged for travel prior to an announced facility-wide cluster and/or any outbreaks.

Special Visit Accommodations

For visitors who are traveling 500+ miles or more, facilities may provide accommodations to allow visitation to occur when travel costs can't be refunded and are made prior to an outbreak being announced. Additionally, the incarcerated individual scheduled for visitation must not have received a positive COVID-19 test or must be cleared from medical isolation for COVID-19 prior to the visit occurring.

General directions:

- Visitors traveling within the continental US of 500+ miles one-way or more are eligible for a special visit **if arranged in advanced and approved by the Superintendent.**
- International visitors are eligible for special visits **if arranged in advance and approved by the Superintendent.**
- In advance of the meeting, visitors will be advised to take precautions such as quarantine measures and masking to avoid becoming positive prior to arrival. The agency encourages testing in advance of the visit; however, visitors will receive a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) at the facility prior to the visit.
- Following the test, visitors will wait in their vehicle for approximately 15 minutes while the facility processes the RAT. Assuming all tests are negative they will be allowed to visit.

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- If tests are negative from the incarcerated individual and the visitor, the visit will occur in person at a table with standard PPE (surgical masks) provided by the facility (due to outbreak, PPE is required).
- If any of the tests are positive for visitors or the incarcerated individual, then the facility will assess any options that may be available to accommodate a no-contact visit.

Food during visitation:

- During facility-wide outbreaks, the vending machines may be closed and/or emptied of all contents. Visitors will have the opportunity to go off-site at a designated time to obtain a meal that will be consumed off-site.
 - Visitors will not need to be re-tested after returning from their lunch break in line with current protocols.
- The incarcerated individual will be provided the opportunity for the mainline meal using standard visit room procedures.

For international visiting for more than one day:

- Following day one of the visit, incarcerated individuals will be placed on intake separation. For the 2nd day of the visit, the screening and testing will be repeated as indicated above. In person visiting will be allowed if all tests from the incarcerated individual and visitors come back negative.
- At the conclusion of each daily visit the incarcerated individual will be placed on intake separation, after the last day a period of 7 days intake separation will be required, pending 2 negative RATs.
- The incarcerated individual will be restricted from all work and programming for an additional 3 days after returning to unit and will receive RATs for a total of 10 days.

Please feel free to reach out to the visiting room personnel with any questions or concerns.

JK:lf

cc: Prison Leadership Team
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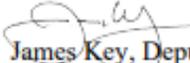
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FROM: 
James Key, Deputy Assistant Secretary
COVID-19 Operations

RE: Prison Visit Programs – Elimination of Online Scheduler

As the department continues to move towards normalized operations, this memo is to notify families and friends of the elimination of the online visitation scheduler effective November 1, 2022.

Beginning the week of October 23rd, facilities will have updated information regarding visit program processes and operations by following the links to the individual facility webpages. Each facility will have updated guidelines and hours of operation for review by clicking the facility link at [Prison Visits | Washington State Department of Corrections](#).

Please note that the online scheduler will be updated to not allow any visit scheduling beyond October 31, 2022. Any visits scheduled from November 1st forward will be operated by the new facility operations. *This means that all pre-scheduled visits made through the online scheduler after October 31, 2022, will be canceled.* It will be important for families and friends to follow the newly updated procedures and to plan in advance to adjust travel times to the new schedules posted on the webpage.

Since we remain under Safe Start protocols, all visitors will participate in Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) prior to visiting in the open visit program, as well as complying with community COVID and facility operational status changes.

If visitors are concerned or have questions regarding their upcoming visit, please contact the facility for more information.

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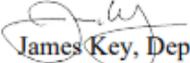
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FROM:  James Key, Deputy Assistant Secretary
COVID-19 Operations

RE: Improving Program Access

As the department continues to move towards new normal operations, we are expanding program access to align with current Safe Start protocols with community COVID designations and facility operation levels.

Effective Monday, October 17th, when both county COVID designation and facility operations status is **green** (low), program areas will support cross-cohorting for education, work, religious, AA/NA, chemical dependency, recreation and all other programs. Masks and safe distancing within the program areas is encouraged to reduce risk, but not required. **Please note:** *Sweat Lodge activities for unvaccinated versus vaccinated remain unchanged. Unvaccinated individuals may not participate in full inipi access.*

When either the community or facility is operating in **yellow** (medium) or **red** (high) status due to community levels, facility-wide clusters or any COVID outbreaks, callouts **will be limited to cohorts only**. This will require facilities to use existing cohort movement plans and immediately notify staff to operate under the restrictions outlined in the Safe Start plan.

Since these designations can change during the course of the day, individuals should expect to have more restrictive measures implemented when outbreaks occur. We appreciate the incarcerated population working with facility personnel to transition through these new processes to improve access to programs.

JK:lf

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