

COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Stafford Creek Corrections Center

Date and Time: 11/09/2022 3:00 P.M.

Attendees

- DOC: Facility Co-Chair G. Penrose, Facility Secretary A. Carlson, FMS R. Attard, CC T. Nikula, CC J. Wright, M. Ritter, SS M. Bolden, RN M. Lynch, CPM S. Baltzell, CPM R. Schreiber, Senior Sec. A. Clift, Senior Sec. K. McGarrah, P. Perkinson, Superintendent J. Bennett, CPPC B. Mansford, Captain R. Rubalcaba, OCO Z. Kinneman
- LFC Officers: State Rep Vacant; Co-Chair Diane Sifres, Secretary Vacant
- Family Members – Jeanette Revay, Annie Trepanier, Tammey Bertrand, Anna Ivanov, Bea, Shawnte Holmes-Davenport, Joanne Todd, Tamera Goddard, Aja McKnight, DuSchene, Julie, Jayme Longoria, Katie Wilks, Catherine Antee, Unidentified Individuals

Weekly Updates:

- 2 positives
- Still awaiting version 34. No quarantine, no cohorts still
- Eating in dining hall has allowed the mainline process to speed back up
- Visit is open and operating with testing and masks
- Working on establishing programming in P building again and maintaining open yards for recreation

Round table

Q: Mainline chow hall has opened back up?

A: Yes, we have been operational for the last week.

Statement:

There is a real concern. You guys did that before and that's when covid started again. Going into the holidays...Correctional Officers in particular will be amongst family and friends and being exposed to covid again. They will then be bringing covid into the facility. Also, the Individuals do not want to have this (chow hall) open again. They fear the violence and don't want the covid being brought in. Maybe reanalyze and open again in mid January?

Q: Are positives housed in the unit or in isolation?

A: 1 is currently in his living unit and is set to clear tomorrow with a negative rapid test. The other is currently in isolation.

Q: Are we not on the facility wide outbreak or a limited area outbreak at this point?

A: We are still currently in a facility wide outbreak.

Q: If there is no more quarantine and no mandatory testing...why is there a facility wide outbreak? The 21-day thing isn't a thing anymore.

A: The 21-day thing is still a thing. The 7 days clear date is for individuals not for areas where a positive Individual has decided not to leave cell assignment. What facility wide outbreak now means is signage and proper PPE.

Q: Green/Yellow/Red memo. In that memo it says the facility is yellow. So how long will we be in that state? At what point do we come off of an outbreak and back into the green?

A: It goes by the positives negative rapid test date plus 20. If an Individual agrees to remove themselves from population and goes to an isolation area, the 20 days starts right away.

Q: Why can't we come off facility wide outbreak since it's the 9th?

A: With 1 positive remaining in H3 their 21 day is December 1st. Therefore, we will be required to wear masks. Any time there is an outbreak we will be required to wear masks

Q: While on outbreak you cannot have vending machines open?

A: Correct

Q: What does outbreak look like now?

A: No vending machines in visit, masks required, and staff testing.

Q: Are you scheduling EFV's?

A: CPM Schreiber has directed the Visitation SGT to start scheduling for Friday, 11/11.

Q: What about opening the gym back up?

A: Hoping to have that back next week and into the recreation schedule

Q: We heard a rumor that they (staff?) will not have to be rapid tested anymore?

A: We have not heard that nor been given direction to stop that process

Statement:

The trailer provided to visitors to be used as shelter while waiting for visit was very appreciated. It was very nice to have somewhere to duck and cover from the weather. Maybe we can keep it there for the winter or when there are storms coming. I also very much liked the birds in visit.

Q: When the guys go to main chow hall...are they going unit by unit?

A: we are not separating the units for chow hall. We are focusing on keeping the lines from getting long, and there will be more than 1 unit in the chow hall during mainline. We use row seating. There may be a cross over in 1 row of living units but other than that 1 row there would not be significant contact with other units

Q: Are they all standing in a line as a whole jail/facility?

A: No. They are called unit by unit to keep the line from getting too long

Q: Are they not required to wear a mask to go to mainline to go eat?

A: They are supposed to, but they do not.

Statement: Why is no one enforcing this? It makes no sense that they are not wearing masks, but visitors are required to wear masks

A: Everyone is required to wear a mask. We are trying to use and encourage positive mask enforcement, but it is hard. We don't want to continually write up infractions. There are also certain areas that we positively enforce the mask wearing and if they do not wear one, they do not get to go to that area.

Q: If the unit is coming from an area that houses a positive that would not move to isolation...I'm concerned that they (the positive?) are being allowed to the chow hall.

A: Meals are delivered to the positive individuals in their unit/house.

Q: What about their roommate? They should be required and enforced to wear a mask

A: As of right now we do not treat them the same. We do understand that concern.

Statements:

I got a voicemail to reschedule my EFV but the officer stated he would only be there for another 15 minutes. It must have been the end of his workday and it's so frustrating. I would have rather not got a phone call at all if there wasn't going to be someone available to return a call to.

WSP only had 1 person and 1 person cannot do it all (EFV scheduling). I hope Stafford has a better system worked out

A: Stafford Creek has more than 1 person who is trained for scheduling EFV visits

Yes, the memo stated to "Open Immediately". However, during the closure our visitation staff were assigned to different posts and the union contract states that we have to give 7 days post change notice. That has tied our hands in opening immediately. Our #1 was to get visiting going and then work on EFV's. We have pulled people who do not work in visitation to complete your testing to make visits happen. We truly are working to move in a forward direction. Visitation is working very hard with this on and off visit and EFV schedule. We tried very hard to open that 1st weekend. We were optimistic but unfortunately were not able to get all the pieces into place.

*Follow up: EFV's opened 11/11

Q: Do we have any staff that are positive?

A: No staff positives today

Statement:

Visiting guidelines have been updated. I appreciate it. Website does not say visitation is open or closed. Mr. Bennett I would like to thank you for getting visitation open. Mr. Schreiber and Amber thank you for being up front and doing testing and turning the titanic on a dime. It is very appreciated.

Q: Where are we on the raincoats?

A: No answer yet. Lisa Flynn was looking into it and we will contact her to see where that was going or where it landed.

Q: What is the option of testing our loved ones, just like we have to be tested, so we do not have to wear a mask or have vending machines closed?

A: Unfortunately, we cannot change the protocol at this time. We are also waiting for the new version 34 to come out.

Bennett: these are statewide protocols. Our agency has jumped through the hoops and the department of health is working with info from the CDC. There will always be rules that we do not understand. While we do have some rules that are not understood the Dept. of Health has made major strides, like removing quarantine. But for right now these are statewide requirements.

Statement:

We understand, all are frustrated. This has been going on a long time, please be patient we are opening things as soon as we can and are working hard to reunite everyone

Q: What is a facility wide outbreak?

A: 2 positive tests for the same living area in 2 different areas or more. But outbreak status stays until we have no more positives for 21 days.

Q: Is it a possibility for the Superintendent or whomever, to reach out to those who are working on the version 34 to get the go ahead on vending machines?

A: We have had regular discussion to express the desire to get things open but at this time until we can get movement from the CDC we are not able to get that topic moved along.

Statement:

Thank you to everyone who worked visiting this weekend. It was a shit show, but we were happy to be able to attend visiting.

Q: Are photos at visiting happening?

A: Yes, but masks have to be worn.

Q: I'm getting married this weekend. Marriage will be online, but we will be having a visit that same day and would like to have a photo without a mask since it will be our wedding day.

A: I could bring it up but do not have the level of authority for that approval.

Statement from many: Please let this happen

Q: Is there someone or an area (in the department of health or cdc?) that we can contact to advocate for us?

A: I don't have information to give out. There is a line of communication that communicates with DOH. SCCC does not directly contact DOH

Statement:

We at Stafford Creek are engaging with our HQ clinical, HQ clinical and doctors are speaking with the Department of Health and it goes up from there.

Q: What do cohorts mean?

A: Splitting into smaller groups for movement but we are no longer doing that

Q: Are we having a meeting next Wednesday

A: Yes

Q: Have they given you any idea on when you might expect version 34?

A: Soon. They were hopeful that it would be out this week but as of today we still have not received it.

Comments/Closing –

We are working toward going back to normal operations and are looking forward to what version 34 might bring.

Thank you all for coming. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 16 from 3:00-4:00 pm via Microsoft TEAMS