

# Statewide Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

**Some questions were grouped together as they were asked by more than one person.  
If specific questions about individuals were asked, they were removed.  
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**Date and Time:** 11/13/2020, 2:00PM

## Attendees

AHCC: Yoshi Garcia and Rachel Bisbee  
MCC: Felix D'Allesandro  
MCCCW: Paula Bond  
SCCC: Susan Cooksey  
WCCW: Jason Rice  
WSP: Wendy Dubinsky and Steve Kugler  
HQ: Jeneva Cotton; Rhonda Roberts; Bruce Wood, Family Services Unit  
OCO: Joanna Carns

## Pre-Submitted Questions

None

## Updates

- SFC Elections: Email with nominee statements and voting form will be sent out to SFC Reps Monday, 11/16/20.
- Welcomed incoming 2021 SFC Reps from AHCC and WSP. SFC Reps can invite their newly elected SFC Reps to join on the SFC COVID-19 calls to familiarize with the process and meet SFC Reps from other facilities.

## Additional Questions

### Question

Is there any update on Safe Start Visitation?

### Answer

Not yet. We are waiting for more information from OFM and the Governor's Office. We are hoping to have an update in the next week that can be shared with the incarcerated population, staff, and stakeholders.

### Question

Family members voiced concern about resuming pat and cell searches, as noted in memo sent in early November.

### Answer

We have put a pause on resuming these searches until we can have further clinical review. Searches based on suspicion will continue, as they have been throughout the COVID-19 response.

### Question

How can incarcerated individuals get new face coverings? Some are reporting they are unable to get new face coverings.

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## Answer

We will ask for an updated message to the population be sent out sharing that they can get new face coverings in their units, whenever needed. Jeneva also reminded all Superintendents on the 11/18/2020 COVID-19 call to make these supplies available in all units for the population.

## Question

Has there been an increase in staff positive COVID-19 test results?

## Answer

Jeneva reminded family members where to find information on confirmed cases for both incarcerated individuals and staff on the DOC website via the COVID-19 informational page (<https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/default.htm>). Jeneva also shared that COVID-19 positive test results in the community statewide are rising drastically, and so we continue to look at additional ways to ensure as safe an environment as possible in the prisons.

## Comments/Closing

- Next SFC Virtual Meeting: 11/21/2020 at 10:00 AM
- Next SFC COVID-19 Informational Call 12/11/2020 at 2:00 PM

**PLEASE NOTE: SFC COVID-19 Informational Call on 11/27/2020 is CANCELLED due to the holiday.**