

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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Call Details

Facility: SFC COVID INFORMATIONAL CALL
Date and Time: 12/11/2020, 2:00PM

Attendees

DOC: Jeneva Cotton, Lisa Flynn, Paige Perkinson, Mitch Bolden
OCO: Joanna Carns
AHCC: Yoshi Garcia, Rachel Bisbee
MCC: Felix D'Allesandro
MCCCW: Paula Bond
SCCC: Susan Cooksey
WCC: Portia Hinton
WSP: Wendy Dubinsky, Steve Kugler

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

When will the Governor and Secretary Sinclair begin another round of **rapid release**? Who will be prioritized? What can loved ones be doing to prepare for this?

Answer

There is no current plan for additional Commutation or Rapid Reentry releases.

Question 2

What is DOC plan for when there is **not enough** staff to cover shifts?

Answer

All facilities have critical staffing plans in place for use when necessary. At this time, those plans have had to be implemented statewide.

Question 3

At what point (number) does DOC decide to **test all incarcerated** individuals? Which prisons are currently having all prisoners tested?

Answer

Clinical recommendations continue to be to test those identified through the WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing and Infection Control Guidelines, which are updated frequently and shared on the DOC website. Mass testing has been or is being implemented at CRCC, WCC, AHCC and SCCC.

Question 4

How are you addressing the behavior of staff who are being cruel and dangerous to prisoners? Are Teamsters involved?

Answer

Any complaints brought forth regarding staff misconduct are taken very seriously and handled by the Appointing Authority with supervision over the employee.

Question 5

What prisons do you anticipate will be your next hot spots? How are you preparing?

Answer

We cannot predict COVID hot spots in our facilities. The agency is actively preparing for outbreaks in all facilities following the statewide data representation.

Question 6

What criteria are used to determine if a patient needs to be taken to the hospital? Regional Health Center? Each facility's clinical leadership makes those decisions on a case by case basis, including HQ clinical leadership when appropriate.

Question 7

How are incarcerated individuals transported to the hospital?

Answer

Depending on the clinical decision at the local facility, transports are made either via state vehicle or ambulance.

Question 8

Can you please add a column on the daily report for **number of hospitalizations**? (New York Times has switched to using that data point instead of number or percent of positive cases.)

Answer

This request has been shared with the DOC Emergency Operations Center.

Questions during Call

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Comments/Suggestions/Concerns

- Explained cohort process for quarantine, and why quarantine may last longer than 14 days
- Discussed that DOC has ongoing frequent communications with WADOH, local health jurisdictions and local hospitals/medical centers
- Shout out to Supt Tabb and MCCCW for the great response to the quarantine activity last week!
- Concerns regarding getting new surgical masks more than every three days
- Discussed process for Authorization for Release of Health Information for loved ones
- Concerns at AHCC due to extended time without access to phones or showers
 - Recommendations: * Increase communication to populations * Increase access to JPay (Wi-Fi)
 - * Send population memos to LFCs to share to decrease worry and excess emails to DOC seeking info
 - * Ask for extra resources to help in reviewing JPay messages to get them processed faster

NEXT SFC COVID CALL: WEDNESDAY, DEC 23 at 1:00 PM (VIA MS TEAMS)