

Statewide Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

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Call Details

Facility:

Date and Time: 4/30/2021, 2:30PM

Attendees

- Arminda Miller, DOC
- Paige Perkinson, DOC
- Mike Obenland, DOC
- Dawn Taylor, DOC
- Jeremy Barclay, DOC
- Rhonda Roberts, DOC
- Rachel Bisbee, AHCC Rep
- Felix D'Allesandro, MCC Rep
- Loren Taylor, Chair SFC
- Gwen McIlveen, CRCC Rep
- Susan Cooksey, SCCC Rep
- Paula Bond, MCCCW Rep

Weekly Update

- Visiting scheduling will start next week. This will open visiting Mother's Day weekend.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

Where do Incarcerated Individuals send their 1040 forms for the 3rd stimulus? Is it the CA or TX address? *Will the facilities provide the instructions again?

Answer

<https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/docs/2021-0421-incarcerated-individuals-memo-update-third-round-of-economic-impact-payments.pdf>

Question 2

Has the department been receiving the vaccines they have been asking for?

Answer

On the positive side, as of Friday, April 30th, all of our incarcerated population will have been offered an opportunity to be vaccinated. As of today, approximately 5,900 incarcerated individuals (42 percent of the population) have received at least one vaccine dose. We will continue to advocate for individuals to become vaccinated, and vaccine supply is not a problem for the foreseeable future.

Question 3

Is there any update on how they will be treating long-haulers? *It has been said that the vaccine has helped long hauler symptoms; will those identified by medical as long haulers be a priority for the vaccine?

Answer

There is honestly a challenge for us to identify individuals as Covid-19 Long Haulers. Doctors utilize what's known as ICD-10 codes for diagnosing patients. To date, there still has not yet been an ICD-10 code developed for so-called Long-Hauler Syndrome. Therefore, our providers will continue to follow patients based on otherwise identified chronic conditions and/or symptomology but not specifically identified as such. As more information becomes available, we will ensure our providers are brought up to date accordingly.

Additional Questions

Question 1

When the incarcerated individuals move facilities, will they be given the option to get vaccinated when they move?

Answer

Yes, if the individual has not received their vaccine yet.

Question 2

AHCC puts work as a priority to visit, and they will not allow the incarcerated individual to go to visit if they have a job scheduled during visit time.

Answer

Mr. Obenland said he would check with AHCC about this issue.

Question 3

Is there a rough estimate of when EFVs will start up again?

Answer

This will be a while, depending on how COVID continues. Currently, the focus is on visiting.

Question 4

The EFV trailers at MCC are being used for high-risk individuals. When will these individuals get moved out of the trailer? The concern is that these trailers were not made for long-term occupancy. The families were the ones who paid for the items in those trailers. If something was broken, who will pay to replace it?

Answer

Mr. Obenland shared the individuals have been approved to move out of the trailers. DOC will pay for replacing any items that need fixing due to the use during COVID usage.

Question 5

Will the voucher program be available for families that have to travel far for a visit?

Answer

Ms. Taylor shared they are currently reaching out to the hotels to confirm participation.

Question 6

There were questions about the pat searching and not changing gloves between searches. Is this effective in not spreading COVID between the incarcerated?

Answer

Mr. Obenland stated that the offices have a choice to either change gloves or use hand sanitizer between individuals. In cell searches, there is a low chance of transmission. Mr. Obenland will request that officers use the hand sanitizer more visible.

Question 7

At CRCC, they are having a problem with special diets. Who should be contacted?

Answer

Ms. Taylor requested they email her.

Question 8

Will the dog program be opening soon?

Answer

There is not a current start date yet.

Comments/Closing

- It was requested to have a copy of the video encouraging vaccination for the incarcerated individuals for the Statewide Family Council.