

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: WCC Shelton

Date and Time: 01/21/2021 1pm

Attendees

Justin Schlagel – Corrections Program Manager

Mike Eby – Community Correctional Specialist

Casey Carlson – Health Services Manager

Domenica Campbell – Early Resolution Ombuds OCO

Danna Lundberg – Correctional Unit Supervisor-R6 G & H

Heidi Sheridan – Correctional Unit Supervisor-Evergreen Hall

Gerald Bailey – Correctional Unit Supervisor-Cedar Hall

Jacki Racus – Co-Chair

Jasmine Bernardez

Candace Krueger

Amy Grubaugh

Wendy Schindler

Emijah Smith

Helen Russell

Weekly Update at the time of the call.

- 71 Isolation
- 47 Active
- 382 Quarantine
- 44 Intake separation
- 835 Recovered
- 52 Pending Tests
- 921 Total Cases
- No Positive cases today
- 72 Floor Sleepers

CPM Schlagel opens

We have begun Recreation for the TC units. All of Cedar and Evergreen have yard time now. As the rest move off of quarantine status, we will look at yard for them as well. We are also focusing on getting people back to work. Our goal is to get to a new normal. A majority of Maintenance workers are back to work and we are looking to open up more areas.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Grubaugh

1. Can anyone answer for me if they have fixed the audio on the video visits? Video not working and audio sounds robotic. He can hear me, but unable to hear him clearly. A lot of people are complaining.

Answer: CPM Schlagel – We have not heard back from JPay yet. Will get back with them for an answer. Maybe they can check the microphones.

2. Also, what is the status on the guys getting yard time? Sorry if this was mentioned yesterday, I had a family emergency.

Answer: CPM Schlagel: – This question was answered above.

Racus

I heard from my husband today that a yard schedule was posted and they were supposed to get out to yard today. Yay!

Answer CPM Schlagel.

Yes, all individuals that currently live on “recovered’ tiers were able to go to yard starting today. We created a schedule where the last yard period of the evening will rotate, so workers may attend. Also the time of day will rotate monthly, so it is not always the same. We tried to make it fair for everyone. We may have to make some adjustments as we go.

Racus

Passing on

Dear SFC reps (and also emailing Jaqui the LFC Co-Chair at WCC, since the WCC rep has had to step down),

I'm attaching a report that I've been working on with hundreds of other families in the state over the past five years about what families experience in the WA DOC system. This is not an official Family Council document, but it is a document that will probably be of interest to some of your LFC members, if you would like to forward it to them.

Hi everyone, there was a family member who did not want their picture in the report, so please send this version to your LFCs instead: <https://washingtoncorrectionswatch.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/punishing-relations-e28093-how-wa-docs-hidden-costs-and-collateral-damage-imprison-families-2.pdf>

Racus

This morning in Cedar Unit, CO's Wittner and Ames, took down all of the movement schedules that let the offenders know when they have foyer access, etc. Does this mean that the offenders in Cedar Unit are going back to the regular movement schedule pre-COVID? If not, how are the offenders supposed to know when they can access the foyer for ice, Kiosk, etc.? The schedule was adjusted multiple times in the last week and if an offender didn't write down what the last schedule was, then they may try to access the wrong area at the wrong time for their tier. Can the offenders please get clarification?

Answer Associate superintendent Mason

The old schedules were taken down and replaced with new schedules that corrected some errors.

Krueger

Last week I was told that R6 would be moving back from Evergreen, now I am hearing that R6 is changing to a receiving tier. Can you clarify this for me?

Answer: CPM Schlagel

As we have stated before, housing at WCC is very fluid and all moves/use are based on changing medical needs. We are not in a position to predict when or if we can return the previous housing assignments.

Krueger

Evergreen only has 1 JPay, is there any way to get another one. Maybe the one that is not being used in R6?

Answer: CPM Schlagel

We have previously discussed the fact that the cabling for Evergreen is not capable of supporting another JPAY kiosk. It is not as simple as just moving the kiosk. We are continuing to work with JPAY regarding emergency technology that might expand services in Evergreen.

Krueger

Can Evergreen a/b tier be changed into an honor/workers pod like R6 was, considering that the guys were classified specifically for R6.

Answer: CPM Schlagel

There was never any official designation for R6 G/H as an "Honor Pod". There are workers housed in Evergreen other than R6 G/H. We continue to look at incentives that we can provide to our workers.

Krueger

Why are guys from the R units being put in with the guys from R6, when they were told that would not be the case?

Answer: CPM Schlagel

It was never stated that we would not return to normal housing practices at some time. As individuals become COVID recovered, the same as the R6 G/H population, we will fill beds that we don't have the luxury to leave empty. No R-Unit individuals have been moved to Evergreen unless they were classified and found suitable for transfer to TC.

Additional Questions

Racus:

A porter came back to the unit from health services and was told by health services staff that the only ones who will receive the vaccine are super spreaders.

1. Is there a schedule to receive vaccine?
2. Those that have CPap machines, will that be taken into consideration?

Answer: CPM Schlagel

Yes, CPAP are given HEPA filters while they were on active isolation status. Once they are off isolation, the HEPA filter is not longer necessary. There is currently no schedule for vaccine for the incarcerated population.

Casey, can you answer the question on a schedule?

Answer: Health Services Manager Carlson

We get the information for headquarters. There is no schedule yet. When we do get the schedule we will follow CDC guidelines. We will distribute schedule once it is received.

Russell:

How do you get on the e-mail list? I have not received e-mails or minutes.

Answer: CPM Schlagel

You can contact me, Jennifer Allmendinger or Penny Marquart.

Comments/Closing:

Next LFC COVID update Teleconference will be January 28th. Next LFC Bi-monthly will be February 25th.