

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** WCC Shelton

**Date and Time:** 02-04-2021 1pm

## Attendees

Justin Schlager – Corrections Program Manager

Jennifer Allmendinger – AA3 to CPM's

Mike Eby – Community Correctional Specialist

Matthias Gyde – Assistant Ombuds

Paige Perkinson – Program 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

Gina Bryan – Classification Counselor 3 for Cedar Hall

Kaishanna Saunders - Secretary

Jacki Racus – Co-Chair

Jasmine Bernardez

Candace Krueger

Wendy Schindler

Kayla Shepard

Helen Russell

## Weekly Update at the time of the call.

- 962 Total Cases
- 949 This Outbreak
- 885 Recovered
- 38 Active Cases
- 45 Isolation
- 130 Quarantine
- 87 Intake separation
- 0 Pending Tests
- 1 Positive Test Returned Today
- 110 Floor Sleepers

### **Justin**

This week we are getting more individuals to work. More units are coming off isolation and reaching cleared status. Maintenance is currently installing the shower curtains in Cedar. They will move onto the other units once Cedar is completed. There is a special crafting event taking place right now. Jenn Bullard, our Community Partnership Program Coordinator, has set up and is facilitating that event this week. Goody bags for the super bowl on Sunday will be distributed this weekend which contain an assortment of items for them to enjoy.

## Pre-Submitted Questions

### Jackie Racus

1. What is the schedule to reopen the foyer back to the regular schedule before COVID?

Cross-tier happened in Cedar Unit multiple times this weekend and most everyone is back to work intermingling with each other. For equity, the offenders should be allowed to use the foyer for the Kiosk, ice machine, etc. since other facilities have their Kiosk and ice machine in their dayrooms where offenders have access anytime the dayrooms are open.

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

This is a medical directive schedule by tier. There is no time frame to return to pre-covid schedules. We will maintain the current schedule. We try to avoid cross-tier mixing, even in the workplace. Everyone is directed to maintain social distancing, wear masks, and practice good hand hygiene. We understand 100% compliance all the time is unrealistic, but that is the goal. As soon as medical decides it is not needed, we will look into the schedule.

### Candace Krueger

2. Any idea as to when the EFV packets are going to be forwarded to the counselors to be finished?

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

Currently there is no time frame. We will resume when visiting opens.

3. If staff is starting to resume searches within the next few weeks. Can we get an idea as to when visiting will reopen considering the guys that receive contact visits have already had COVID and have recovered?

Answer: Justin Schlagel - CPM

There has been no direction to resume searches. Visiting will be looked at in March. No start date for searches. There are individuals for have not had COVID and some assume they are immune because they had it. We know that the immunity may only last 90 days. PPE requirements will remain in place.

4. What is the plan with R6 G/H tier, nobody has given them or the line staff a definitive answer as to what is going on or when they are going back?

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

No answer has been given because it is still unknown at this time. There is no timeframe and no date. We still need beds for R-unit individuals.

5. Currently it's been just under a year and inmates are still being served cold food in the units. Are they planning on upgrading their equipment to hold the amount of meals for the unit while maintaining temperature? They are required so many hot meals per policy.

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

We have ordered a trailer and 6 food cart to help keep means warm, unfortunately the delivery date is approximately 2 months out. Staff are doing their best to serve quality meals in a timely manner.

6. Why is it that Evergreen only has 1 Jpay machine when Cedar is set up the same way with 2 Jpay kiosks? With the scheduling of video visits, it is hard for them to access Jpay etc., with only one machine.

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

Historically, Evergreen has been a re-entry unit housing individuals for release. One kiosk was all that was needed for the TC population. Cedar doesn't have re-entry and there was more demand for a second kiosk. We are limited by the physical plant. We are looking into it.

7. Why are we not getting the 2 free video visits since regular visiting is still closed? The last notification from Jpay said they would last until the end of February.

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

Paige Perkinson – At this time the memo that came out will expire at the end of the month. We don't think this will end, but will be extended.

Justin – Please forward any names for Jpay to me and I will forward the list.

Here is the response from the JPay representative:

"If they are only receiving one that means they are only doing one visit per week which is correct. If they are completing 2 successful visits in one week and only getting one, then they can call customer service 800-574-5729 to get their missing visit."

## Additional Questions

No additional questions.

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## Comments/Closing:

Next LFC COVID update Teleconference will be February 8th. Next LFC Bi-monthly will be February 25<sup>th</sup>.

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