

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: WCC Shelton

Date and Time: 05-06-2021 1pm

Attendees

Justin Schlagel – Correctional Program Manager – RC

Melinda Kupers – Correctional Program Manager - TC

Matthias Gyde – Assistant Ombuds

Paige Perkinson – Program Specialist

Norm Goodenough – Health Services Manager

Heidi Sheridan – Correctional Unit Supervisor Evergreen

Gerald Bailey – Correctional Unit Supervisor Cedar

Jennifer Allmendinger – AA3 to CPM's

Jasmine Bernardez

Amy Miller

Wendy Schindler

Emijah Smith

Helen Russell

Weekly Update at the time of the call.

- 981 Total Cases to date
- 5 Positive Cases within the last 30 days

CPM Schlagel opens

- Evergreen is off quarantine. Still moving by ho-horts with 2 coo-horts going to yard.
- Visiting will be starting back up on 5/9/21

Pre-Submitted Questions

1. Seeing that we will only get an hour to visit, will the hour start the moment we check in or when our loved one enters the visiting room? If it starts when we arrive, is there any way to have our loved ones on the call out 15 minutes before the visit time? That way we are getting the full hour.

Answer: Melinda Kupers – CPM

Duration of visiting is one hour and will begin when all of the cohort arrives. If someone must move separately because of something on our part, i.e. – medical, that person and their visitor will be able to have a visit in the no contact visit booths so that they can get the full one-hour visit.

2. Will it be one unit at a time going to visit or will Evergreen and Cedar be going at the same time?

Answer – Melinda Kupers - CPM

That's not how it's going to work. Only 1 cohort at a time. We do not cross cohorts and therefore do not cross units.

3. JPay has completely shut down and is not allowing me to schedule anything for this weekend. Is there any word on when this will be fixed?

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

All we can do is report it to the JPay liaison. Please ensure you report it to JPay customer support, jpayersupport@jpay.com, if there is a problem with a video visit. I will re-verify the schedule again.

4. I am truly grateful that visits are starting up, but I am curious as to why the lower R's got first pick in visits over Cedar and Evergreen? I thought that the lower R's were a receiving unit.

Answer – Melinda Kupers – CPM

We started with #1 and went through each unit. The schedule will rotate, and R Units will be in the afternoon as it rotates.

5. Offenders are concerned that COs are not changing or sanitizing their gloves in-between pat searches in the morning with workers at the point by education. They are under the understanding that this is against procedure. Can this be addressed?

Answer: Justin Schlagel - CPM

The Captain is going to address this with staff who do pat searches.

Additional Questions

1. When will the weight deck be open?

Answer: Justin Schlagel and Melinda Kupers – CPM's

Recreation is finishing up the process and weight stickers will be going out this evening.

2. Will they be striped searched since these are no contact visits?

Answer: Justin Schlagel - CPM

No, they will not be striped searched.

3. Will they be able to see future schedules?

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

Yes. They will be able to see schedules for 3 months out. Visiting is only once a month and you will not be able to schedule the next visit until the current visit has been completed or cancelled. You may have to wait a day or two to reschedule, as it is not an immediate turnover.

4. There was a memo that came out at the end of June that mentioned once a month visits and then later there will be 2 visits a month. Is this what will happen?

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

Future visiting decisions will be decided by HQ regarding an increase in visits.

5. People are still being moved from Evergreen to some other place. Won't that impact visiting?

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

Visit staff are looking at movements and getting them on the callouts. They are aware of where they are for visiting.

6. When will the library open?

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

There is no confirmation date set yet.

7. Are there any updates on the Blake decision from the State or from DOC?

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

As we get notified, we are contacting them. This is up to the courts and not DOC. We are reactionary and do what they tell us. Currently there is no new information. Everyone that has been notified has been contacted.

Agency website has been updated. Bi-monthly food packages are now available beginning June 1, 2021. Here is the link <https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/incarceration/send/packages.htm#send>

Comments/Closing:

The next meeting will be on May 20th.
