

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: WCC Shelton

Date and Time: 05-20-2021 1pm

Attendees

Justin Schlager – Correctional Program Manager – RC

Melinda Kupers – Correctional Program Manager - TC

Dan White – Superintendent

Dean Mason – Assoc. Supt.

Mike Eby – Community Correctional Specialist

Domenica Campbell – Early Resolution Ombuds OCO

Paige Perkinson – Program Specialist

Casey Carlson – Health Services Manager

Gerald Bailey – Correctional Unit Supervisor Cedar

Jennifer Allmendinger – AA3 to CPM's

Monica Ritter – Forms/Records HQ

Jacki Racus

Jasmine Bernardez

Amy Miller

Wendy Schindler

Emijah Smith

Helen Russell

Weekly Update at the time of the call.

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

Pre-Submitted Questions

1. One of the ice machines in Cedar is only working intermittently. Can it please be looked at and repaired if necessary? With the weather warming up, the need for ice will be getting much bigger and the one machine can't keep up.

Answer: Gerald Bailey CUS

Work Order has been submitted. It will be repaired when part comes in.

2. On May 10th, there was a notice posted in Cedar Unit stating that cell searches and inspections were resuming, and it gave offenders the opportunity to return extra items for 2 days and not be written up. In the Safe Start Corrections Phase document, it states that full cell searches and inspections were part of Phase 4. If this is so, does this mean visiting is going back to what it was pre-COVID and EVFs will resume as the document states? The posting didn't state that the searches and inspections were for safety reasons only and it didn't state it was at a particular percentage as Phase 2 or 3 states. Can we please get an update?

Answer: Melinda Kupers - CPM

Looked at DOC Safe Start and there have been updates for pat and cell searches. Original documents have been modified and the last update was dated 12/2720. We are currently doing no-contact visits since May 9, 2021. We encourage everyone to look at the Safe Start page on the website.

3. Since all counties will be in phase 3 as of Tuesday 5/18 and the state will be fully open by June 30th or sooner what is DOC plan for visitation?
 Answer: Melinda Kupers - CPM
 This has been addressed above
4. Since visitation is slowly opening, when can we see movement on the EFV packets? It's been over a year since HQ has had family's applications and original documents with no progress.
 Answer: Melinda Kupers - CPM
 This has been addressed above

Additional Questions

1. Movement again?
 Answer: Melinda Kupers – CPM
 Incarcerated individuals were moved into co-horts based on where they worked. Any movements after that would be if they left that job and got a different one that required them to move. There was some movement in Evergreen for those who weren't working and substance abuse classes.
2. Were there expired vaccinations? How is that being handled?
 Answer: Dan White - Superintendent
 There was a press release that went out that there were 200 at MCC that were affected. The Department learned that they were expired by use date but were still effective.
 Answer: Casey Carlson – Health Care Manager
 Our RN4 was involved in the investigation and felt very confident that the vaccines were handled very well.
3. How is DOC going to handle the State opening back up?
 Answer: Melinda Kupers – CPM
 Right now, we are currently evaluating the no-contact visits as it happens. This is being done statewide and is being handled the same way.
 Justin Schlagel - We have zero control of when it opens, and it is made at the HQ level. We all have a strong desire for visiting to open. This would be opportunity to take this question statewide. Again, the request to volunteer for a Statewide Representative. Please let Jennifer Allmendinger know if you are interested.
4. How many visits have happened? People are not utilizing visiting because we have heard it is not work it because the visit is only an hour and the cost of fuel which is going up.
 Answer: Melinda Kupers – CPM
 We will get that information. The decisions come from headquarters. We are not filling up all slots.
5. is there a large amount of people on quarantine in the R-Units?
 Answer: Dean Mason – Assoc. Supt.
 There were some in R-6 but they are now off. Our IMU is on quarantine now. Today they will have their 2nd test. They will be off quarantine next Thursday unless the Doctors say something different.
6. How many people can be scheduled for visiting and how many are showing up?
 Answer: Melinda Kupers – CPM
 There are 18 per group and there are 5 groups for a total of 90 visitors. There were 11 visits on the 11th. There are 7 visits coming this Saturday. There are more visits happening next week.

7. How are the visitors doing?

Answer: Melinda Kupers - CPM

Nothing has been brought to our attention.

Dan White – Superintendent

I was at the foyer check-in and chatted with a few visitors. They seemed happy and excited. We encourage you to sign up and give feedback.

8. How is the check-in process handles?

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

Bring in a copy of your confirmation email, photo I.D., mask, and wear appropriate clothing. You will be given a pager and asked to wait in your vehicle until you are notified to come in. You will be screened like normal and be given a surgical mask.

9. How do they want you if your being 6ft. apart.

Answer: Justin Schlagel – CPM

Everyone is wearing PPE and there is a time factor that is included for exposure, which is limited during screening.

10. Can we use the lockers?

Answer: Melinda Kupers – CPM

Yes

11. When will they receive the 2nd vaccination?

Answer: Casey Carlson – Health Care Manager

That will happen this Saturday.

Comments/Closing:

The next meeting will be on June 3, 2021
