

# Local Family Council COVID 19 Teleconference

## Washington Correction Center for Women

April 3, 2020

**Facilitator:** Jo Wofford, Superintendent

**Attendance:**

**Family Representatives:** Laurie Dawson, Cindy Robinson, Paul Gillespy, Elizabeth Hendrin, Jason Rice, Janet Moriarty and Paula Bond

**WCCW Representatives:** Associate Superintendent of Operations Chandler, Associate Superintendent of Programs Swain, Correctional Program Manager Gaines, Health Services Manager 3 Clark, Administrative Assistant 4 Melissa Johnson, Family Services Specialist Melhuish, and OCO Representative Angee Schrader

**Purpose** – to get information related to the COVID 19 outbreak out to the families to help them understand the steps being taken by DOC to keep the Incarcerated Individuals safe and healthy.

**Testing** – We are testing for two strains of Flu as well as COVID here in the facility. If any of the Incarcerated Individuals shows signs of having symptoms is screened by medical and quarantined. Their cells are sanitized, clean linens and hygiene items are being provide at no cost to them.

As of today we have 18 women in isolation, which is our segregation area. We have 4 that are in quarantine. Quarantine is different in that the women are in their cells to ensure they are not symptomatic. They are fed in their cells and have access to JP players.

Telehealth appointments are occurring with medical and mental health. Medical callouts have been adjusted to reduce the number of people in medical.

To date, 82 tests have been administered. Currently, 41 tests have come back negative and 4 tests are pending with an anticipated negative result. No Incarcerated Individuals have tested positive at WCCW.

**Social Distancing** – Social Distancing is being encouraged, reminded and enforced. Education is working on restructuring class sizes, making school assignments to take back to their cells to complete (like a correspondence courses in college) and other programs are regrouping to include Cosmetology, FEPPS and TCC. Cosmetology services are not being offered to the population, but they are able to work on mannequins to complete their practicum.

**Activities** – the population is allowed to go to the gym one unit and pod at a time. They are able to work out with specific gym equipment or walk in the gym yard. Religious activities are taking place for each unit a pod at a time, Friday through Sunday using contracted service providers; and no volunteers.

**Screenings** – No visitors or volunteers are being allowed to come in. Staff is being screened at before the start of their shifts.

**Population Concerns** - Management have been making daily rounds to listen to the incarcerated individual's concerns.

## Questions from Council Members

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Can we have more clarification as to what ISO is?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The main concern for isolation is to stop the exposure of others. They stay in there for 14 days/or until they show no symptoms.</li> <li>➤ The goal is to get them healthy. You should know that we have had no new symptomatic in the last 7 days.</li> <li>➤ They are single cells with sinks and toilet.</li> <li>➤ The women are allowed to shower daily are cleaned after each use and are fed in their cells.</li> </ul>
As of yesterday the media say that everyone should be masked? Will you be able to do this for the population?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Currently across the United States there is a high demand for these. We are currently only masking staff, our medical unit and those that are in quarantine and ISO areas.</li> <li>➤ DOC is beginning production of masks. Once they are made, they will be sent to the statewide emergency operations center at Camp Murray. They will be the ones to distribute to the facilities.</li> </ul>
Latest science is stating that Up to 25% of people with COVID-19 may not show symptoms and that the data is prompting the CDC to reconsider who should wear face masks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ DOC is diligently working on contingency plans and will get what we need as things come available. Our staff working with those that are in ISO/Medical and quarantine are our priority. However, it's going to be a statewide effort to get these PPE's.</li> </ul>
Can the incarcerated individuals make masks for the population? If so can donated materials be given to the facility?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We are actually already looking into this and soliciting the population for volunteering to do this task.</li> <li>➤ Yes, we will accept donations, but will follow the process for this and will follow the policy guidelines for facility donations.</li> </ul>
Have there been any changes for food service?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mainline is happening daily in shifts and at a slower rate to accommodate social distancing.</li> </ul>
Are the correctional counselors still working normally?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Yes. There are very few staff actually that are at home. Services are being provided regularly.</li> </ul>

<p>What kind of medication is given to those in isolation?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ They are keeping up with their regularly scheduled scripts as well as given something for them to be comfortable as they need. WCCW is in communication with CHI Franciscan and following their guidelines.</li> </ul>
<p>If an ambulance comes to WCCW are they stopped and screened?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No, we will not impede their mission. We get them in and out with no interference.</li> </ul>
<p>Do those that are in isolation get JP Players?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Unfortunately, no because the building will not allow for it. They do have access to phones.</li> </ul>
<p>If people are going to another facility, are they quarantined?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Before people leave, their temperature is given and when they arrive their temperature is given again along with a medical evaluation.</li> </ul>
<p>Is there something in place in case a loved one is sent to the hospital due to COVID 19? Will their families be informed/notified?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Yes, of course. If a loved one has to go to the hospital due to COVID 19, the family will be notified of this.</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION:**

In closing, plans change daily and we are prepared for expansion if needed. We have good solid plans in place to keep everyone safe. We will meet again next Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at noon, you can send questions to Melissa Johnson prior to the meeting. As always, please feel free to contact Jo with any questions/concerns.