

Local Family Council COVID 19 Teleconference

Washington Correction Center for Women

April 17, 2020

Facilitator: Jo Wofford, Superintendent

Attendance:

Family Representatives: Jason Rice, Laurie Dawson, Renee Hafzalla, Paula Bond, Cindy Robinson, Paul Gillespie, Susan Sherman, Angelique Colvin, Janet Moriarty, Linda Wojciechowski.

WCCW Representatives: Superintendent Jo Wofford, Administrative Assistant 4 Melissa Johnson, Family Services Specialist Melhuish, and OCO Representative Angee Schrader, Janice Zimmerman, CPPC.

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 happy to still report that we have had 0 testing positive for COVID for staff and incarcerated and our ISO numbers are continuing to go down.

Social Distancing – Social Distancing is still being encouraged, reminded and enforced. Our numbers are down because of this. Kudos to everyone!

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 as well as meet with the Tier Reps weekly.

Questions from Council Members

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Can we have an actual medical practitioner on the calls in addition to Mr. Clark?	➤ No, our medical staff are very busy seeing patients back to back.
When are doctors and nurse practitioners on duty?	➤ Medical providers are in the clinic from 0700 to 1700 Monday thru Friday. They are also available via phone after hours, on weekend and holidays. ➤ Nurses are scheduled around the clock in the clinic. A nurse supervisor is available on all shifts. It's an actual rotational schedule.

<p>How are staff absences covered in the medical department?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ With on-call and agency medical staff.
<p>What are the criteria for referral back to WCCW if someone is very sick at MCCCW or YCJ?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If emergent they go directly to the local ER. If additional inpatient observation is necessary after the ER discharges the patient the following apply. If the patient is in Yakima the patient will return to Yakima's inpatient facilities and seen by their staff. If at Mission Creek, that patient is transferred to WCCW's IPU for observation and additional care as needed.
<p>What hygiene products are available?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No hand wipes, but we have placed single use paper towels in the bathrooms. They have another round of free soap. Full PPE for porters as per protocol. New Linens, liquid soap in bathrooms and more availability of rags for cleaning their areas. ➤ All individuals have 2 masks made by our Sisters of Charity group, which they can launder on a regular basis. ➤ Please remember washing hands with soap and water is the most effective way to rid this virus.
<p>When is DOC going to instigate testing of staff and incarcerated population? This is going to go on for a long time. It's going to take widespread testing and supplies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We are having contact mapping. We have been testing since day 1.
<p>How many women are pregnant? How many women in the RPP program currently and how many are from out of state? Please explain the layout of J unit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We have 12 pregnant incarcerated individuals at WCCW. ➤ There are 15 mothers in RPP, 2 pending delivery, and 6 out of state. ➤ J-unit is an H shaped building. The moms are separate from the general population which is the entrance of the building.
<p>How many incarcerated individuals are over the 60 years of age? Is there a unit for medically fragile incarcerated individuals?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There is a small population of women over 60 ➤ No we do not have a special unit for women. We use our in-patient unit (IPU). The one for men is located at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center.

<p>How can the family council be helpful during this time? Are there resource needs for women releasing that we can assist in coordinating?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All resource requests need to be approved through the COVID19 address at headquarters. Please use https://doc.wa.gov/news/covid-19.htm
<p>What is the protocol for quarantine for incoming prisoners?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If we are aware that someone is on ISO status they are brought into the facility and placed directly into the unit designated for individuals on Isolation status. Otherwise; all wear a mask, temperature is taken before transport from the county facility and once they arrive at WCCW the temperature is taken and asked the screening questions. If there is concern, they will be placed into the unit designated for housing those on ISO status.
<p>What is the status on overrides of MI-3's?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We are not doing this right now, as there is no need for it until the fence is built. Most of those who are MI-3 are so due to sentence length (more than 4 years until ERD), warrants/ detainers, and/ or are not suitable for a minimum setting (escape risk, risk to the community).
<p>What is the status on the fence building?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The crew has been away working on another project. Hopefully will return in the next week or so.
<p>What recreation programs are taking place?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We are currently running Recreation based on the guidelines and limitations from headquarters based on the COVID19 crisis. ➤ People are walking and jogging. ➤ Last week recreation delivered brain teasers, word search games, coloring pages and Sudoku. ➤ Recreation has various cardio equipment for conditioning and fitness videos for exercising and stretching.
<p>What is happening with education?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TCC/FEPPS the faculty of Tacoma Community College, here at WCCW, have been restricted from face to face instruction for the duration of the

	<p>Governor’s stay at home order. Meaning there will be no face to face instruction/classes scheduled through the month of April. This directive still allows for staff/faculty to work inside the facilities for the purpose of retrieval/distribution of packets and laptops to the students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Beginning the week of April 13th there will be NO onsite classes except cosmetology. All other classes will be continuing through distance-learning courses, packets, and kiosk messaging by faculty. TCC student laptops will be given to pupils to do their work as well. These laptops do not have access to the internet and are totally disabled. They will be using them to access their assignments and saving their work. ➤ FEPPS classes will be through correspondence as well. Faculty will prepare pre-arranged packets, already labeled for each student by unit and pod. Incarcerated Individuals will be turning in their assignments to their units Correctional Unit Supervisor. Those assignment will be picked up by the FEPPS teacher’s assistance (TA’s).
<p>Are you seeing higher anxiety levels and if so, what are you able to do to assist women in dealing with that?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Our individuals are handling it really well. Everyone is anxious in one way or the other. ➤ Mental Health is beginning telehealth appointments. ➤ Chaplain Lane is in touch with the population. ➤ Tier Rep meetings are happening daily ➤ Once a week the Exec team also meets with the Tier Reps to discuss their concerns. ➤ Our executive management team is walking and talking daily to the population as well as our staff. The

	women are being respectful for the most part and to each other's space.
What are the current religious programming options?	See below calendar.

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1030		Ecumenical Christian Worship Tec	Ecumenical Christian Worship Service RDC Service
1130	Chaplain Lane Rounds on MSC	Chaplain Lane Rounds on CCU	Chaplain Lane Rounds on MSU
1330	Ecumenical Christian Worship K unit Large Chapel Jummah	Ecumenical Christian Worship CCU East Pod Large Chapel	Ecumenical Christian Worship Large Chapel MSU- A pod
1430	Ecumenical Christian Worship L unit Large Chapel Jummah	Ecumenical Christian Worship CCU West Pod Large Chapel	Ecumenical Christian Worship MSU- B-pod Large Chapel
1830	Ecumenical Christian Worship J Unit Large Chapel		

CONCLUSION:

In closing, plans change daily and we are prepared for expansion if needed. Thank you for being there for your loved ones. I encourage you to stay focused on what may be true as plans change daily. HQ and WCCW are advocating for your loved ones to HQ. Know that we have good solid plans in place to keep everyone safe. We will meet again next Friday, April 24th 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.