

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Washington Corrections Center for Women

Date and Time: 07/29/2020, 12:00PM

Attendees

- Jason Rice, Babs Roberts, Renee Hafzalla, Cindy Robinson, Susan Sherman, Janet Moriarty, Maurice Hafzalla
- Jo Wofford, Paula Chandler, Bill Swain, Vaaia Gaines, Rodney Nordbye, Melissa Johnson, Caroline Melhuish, Janice Zimmerman, Angee Schrader, Jessica Means, Paige Perkinson

Weekly Update

- Data
 - Current facility numbers, including pregnant women and babies? 761, 3 children, 6 pregnant and 4 mothers in RPP.
 - Are any of these women in units that are quarantined or locked down? No
 - How many are federal prisoners? 0
- Health/Medical
 - Numbers in isolation/quarantine? 3 ISO 26 Quarantine
 - Which units have women in quarantine? RDC A Pod, SEG, MSU
 - Numbers tested? All in quarantine have been tested twice and have received two negative tests. We are also currently testing all incoming patients twice.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

For Paul Clark: There are now 4 staff persons and 2 women residents who have tested positive. Are you planning to test the entire population? We think proactive testing the entire population will go a long way towards reducing the risk. What will it take for DOC to revise their testing protocol/policy to align with DOH protocols/policy?

Answer

- Currently we have no plans to test the entire WCCW population. This situation occurred in our separation unit and it is well contained. We have currently completed testing to every patient that is located in RDC, TEC and the porters for that area per the DOC protocol. We can send this suggestion up to HQ in regards to testing the entire population.

Question 2

Can you tell us about the contact tracing efforts and give us these numbers? Which units have women in quarantine? How many tests have been done?

Answer

- All staff and patients were mapped immediately. All quarantined and isolated patients are tested. Contact mapping for staff is completed by the Occupational Nurses at HQ. All mapping for patients is completed by onsite medical.
- Numbers in isolation/quarantine? 75 quarantine, 8 isolations.
- Units include 7 in MSU, 2 in CCU, 18 in RDC, 1 in SEG, 23 in TEC.
- We have done 104 tests, we tested all of RDC and the porters who work in the area to ensure safety for our facility. They will receive a second test in 48 hours from the first initial test.

Additional Questions

Question 1

We have heard that on Monday, direction was given to quarantine women who had worked in Z building as well as their roommates, but that in at least one of the MSU pods, due to an outcry by some of the women, the women who worked in Z building were shifted so they quarantined together but that their roommates were allowed to move into other rooms. Is this true? If so, won't that expose other women?

Answer

- We have quarantined the porters that help in the RDC area to ensure that COVID is not spread throughout the facility as they conducted work in the area. The roommates were moved to other rooms as their roommates are currently not symptomatic. This practice is overseen by our Facility Medical Director, Nursing Director, and the IPN for the facility and the entire IC including all of the extended leadership team members. It is well managed and the situation is currently contained.
- Yes it's true about the move. The move should have never occurred and ended up having to quarantine the new roommate and screening all of the women impacted.

Question 2

Given the recent positive testing and rumors that medical is closed, what are the alternatives for women? We have heard that women in need of medical attention are immediately taken to outside providers. Can you provide clarity on how and when this happens? Also, will you be changing the way women move, congregate etc., based on the new positive test of one of the women?

Answer

- Medical, mental health and nursing are **not** closed. They are actively seeing patients. Appointments were rescheduled yesterday to ensure that medical staff was available to map and test the patients who needed so. The clinic and MH resumed normal operations today. ISO and Quarantine pts are visited by medical twice a day and MH has deployed tele services to TEC. We are actively seeing patients.
- These women are in isolation.

Question 3

We are hearing that the MSU units are very warm and the ability to have the doors open to help the fans circulate cooler air is dependent on the staff on duty. Can you help?

Answer

- We do have big fans on the floor and fans in their rooms. Unfortunately, we cannot keep the doors open. Please know we do ask for air conditioning every year, but there is no budget for it.

Question 4 by Angee Schrader

Have you tested all staff in your facility that are impacted?

Answer

- Yes, we have mapped the staff out that are impacted.
- We are not requiring mandatory testing at this time.

Question 5 by Jason Rice

Are there porters coming from MSU to do janitorial work in Z building? Also are the tier representative meetings taking place with leadership every two weeks?

Answer

- Yes, they work in the laundry room and are keeping the floors, and hallways clean and clear from debris. We do not have anyone who lives in Z building doing the work of the janitors, as there are no jobs available in receiving or segregation.
- CPM Gaines will be looking into when the next date is available to meet with the tier reps. And will notify

Question 6 by Laurie Dawson

Is the RCF complete and if so when will it be opened?

Answer

- We are working on the staffing model for this new post and will send positive cases there once it is open for business.

Comments/Closing

- We will be resuming our quarterly meetings! Melissa will send out notification as to when it will take place.
- Babs thanked WCCW for all the work they are doing during the furloughs and understands that staff are working very hard in trying to keep people healthy as possible with the flu season around the corner. Please stay safe!