

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: Washington Corrections Center for Women

Date and Time: 08/19/2020, 12:00PM

Attendees

- Babs Roberts, Renee Hafzalla, Cindy Robinson, Paul Gillespie, Susan Sherman,
- Jo Wofford, Paula Chandler, Bill Swain, Vaaia Gaines, Rodney Nordbye, Melissa Johnson, Mike Eby, Janice Zimmerman, Angee Schrader, Erika Brown

Weekly Update

- Data
 - Current facility numbers, including pregnant women and babies? 754, 3 children, 5 moms.
 - 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? 2 are in ISO with symptoms, 6 are in quarantine exposed with no symptoms.
 - Numbers tested cannot be given right now, as the data collector is out of office today. But our process is as follows: We test everyone who is coming in on intake 2 times. Patients are kept in intake separation for a total of 14 days. All patients that present with symptoms are tested two times. All patients that were in close contact to a symptomatic patient are tested twice as well. Isolation and quarantine patients are seen twice daily by nursing staff. Their medical assessment is reported to the providers daily. All pre-operation patients are tested and quarantined prior to their surgery.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Question 1

Recovery/Re-open?

Answer

We are adjusting many priorities and still operating under emergency protocols in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our facility. We have staff working on the Safe Start group at HQ. They are processing plans for each facilities ability to reopen safely and slowly.

Question 2

Programming/Nutrition?

Answer

- These are enterprise wide discussions and as we hear back, we will let you know. As for now there is nothing to report.

Question 3

Can you give us an update about staff testing? Do you have any plans for testing the population as well?

Answer

- Staff testing is going well and we have received no positive results for the first round of testing! We are currently working on our second round of testing this week. AS of today we have completed 754 staff tests.

- As for our population, at this time we are not planning to test the entire population.

Question 4

Can you give an update on the RCF? Are the women who tested positive being treated there?

Answer

- We are still in operation phase, working on getting our staffing, supply's and clothing to the RCF. It is not being utilized for our positive patients yet.

Question 5

Are there any plans to prepare the facilities/units for cold weather when women will be spending more time indoors (i.e. air filtration, etc.)?

Answer

- We will continue with social distancing measures for as long as necessary. Women will still get the opportunity to go out for fresh air and sunshine on a rotational basis and assure social distancing.
- The units are large open environments and have HVAC units to handle air quality. These are filtered systems and filters are changed on a preventative schedule as per the manufacturer's guidelines. We will follow up with our Plant Manager to find out the exact schedules.

Comments/Closing

- Lt. Erika Brown stated that she was able to attend the phased reopening meeting last week at HQ and will be reporting out about the details as they come available to share.
- CPPC Zimmerman reiterated that the back pack event will be taking place this Friday, August 21, 2020. She is looking forward to discussing family friendly events for this fall and winter on tomorrow's conference call.
- We will be resuming our quarterly meetings! Beginning tomorrow, August 20th at 3pm. Babs will include Ms. Zimmerman to the agenda.
- ASO Chandler thanked everyone on the line for being there for their loved ones and to stay safe and have a great afternoon!
- The LFC thanked everyone in the IC for the weekly calls.