

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** WSP / Teleconference

**Date and Time:** 8/18/2020, 1:00PM

## Attendees

- Prisons Director-Associate Supt. Steve Barker, Sgt. Rocky Beal, SFC Rep Wendy Dubinsky, LFC Co-Chair Loretta Pederson, Dean Dubinsky, OCO Caitlin Robertson, Family Services-Bill Copland, Karen Cain,

## Weekly Update

- COVID Informational

## Pre-Submitted Questions

### Question 1

Please provide the most up-to-date stats:

# of men in quarantine? 132

# of men in isolation? 71 at WSP, 8 at AHCC

# of men tested positive? 114 (101 still here some have transitioned back to camp)

# of staff screened out at this time? 36

# of staff tested positive? 10

- All tests that were administered in Unit-8 and 10 came back negative for both rounds.
- Unit 6 will continue to be tested until there are no longer any positives coming out of the unit.

## Submitted Questions

### Question 1

There was an increase of 48 covid positive prisoners from Friday August 14 (68) to Monday August 17 (114).

o I'd like to know what units and the numbers from each of those units have positive cases.

o Where are positive people being housed?

o What is the plan?

o Also, when will thorough cleaning (not simply spraying Hepestat without wiping it off after 10 minutes) begin in the IMU units - showers, phones, cuff ports, cuffs, etc. - and when will those housed in the units be given adequate cleaning supplies to keep their cells sanitary?

### Answer

- All of the positive cases have come out of Unit-6
- The positive people are being housed in Echo Unit, the HSB, or IMU-N if there are protective factors or STG issues.

- This cleaning issue was discussed with the IMU Associate Superintendent. He will discuss increasing the frequency of the cleaning and the cleaning supplies that are supplied with the CPM and the CUS of those units.

### Question 2

What is the protocol for isolated COVID # residents for phone calls? I understood they're allowed one call/wk while isolated for positive test. My loved one wasn't allowed a single phone call. Without his JPay he wouldn't have been able to even let us know. His cell mate had NO way to let his mother & wife know.

### Answer

The individuals who are placed on isolation are allowed to make a phone call each week. The phone is taken to the cell and then sanitized after each call. This will be discussed with the Unit Manager of the area.

### Question 3

Are COVID # residents retested before release back to their camps? Are they assumed to be immune for a time period and/or are they retested with or without symptoms?

### Answer

No, when someone tests positive, they are assumed to be immune after 14 days of isolation. They are not sent back to their previous unit. Currently they are being sent to Unit-10 where we have established a "clean" area so that they may participate in yard, dayroom, etc.

### Question 4

Because of the rapid increase in COVID 19 cases, are staff regularly updated on the # of cases currently at WSP? Also are the staff encouraged to wear their masks since some are still wearing them around their necks, even at Pill Line?

### Answer

Yes, staff are updated every day as to the current status of the institution. Yes, administration and supervisors are continuing to encourage staff to maintain proper PPE. This is for a couple of reasons. We don't want them infecting anyone if they are positive and if they are around someone who is positive and or symptomatic, they can get mapped out if they aren't wearing the proper PPE.

### Question 5

If we could get a follow-up update on the laundry situation and whether or not anyone has asked about getting the men extra underwear and socks (because they are having to do laundry in their tiny sinks!), that would also be much appreciated.

Answer

In speaking with the CI General Manager, he advised that they are looking at the schedule for revision. Because Unit-10 and Unit-8 are both off of quarantine, they are trying to increase the workforce so that they can resume the previous laundry schedule. At present they are still doing laundry once per week (8&10 just came off of quarantine) until the workforce can be increased. An inquiry to the warehouse was made and they state that they do not have the inventory to issue more clothing beyond what policy allows.

Round Table

Question 1

What type of COVID testing is being done, nasal swabs or saliva test?

Answer

The National Guard is there proctoring the tests as individuals perform their own nasal swabs. Staff are required to do these tests weekly. If inconclusive the test will be administered again. made

Question 2

What happens if staff is mapped out due to contact tracing and screening questions?

Answer

They are sent home on paid leave until they prove they are negative and cleared to return to work.

Question 3

Sergeant Beal, is there any more discussion about when visiting will resume?

Answer

There is no time frame on when visiting will start again. HQ is working on a plan right now.

Question 4

Are promotions to minimum custody being done?

Answer

There are no promotions to the east complex being done at this time.