

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: WSP / Teleconference

Date and Time: 9/1/2020, 1:00PM

Attendees

- Associate Supt. Steve Barker, SFC Rep Wendy Dubinsky, Dean Dubinsky, OCO Caitlin Robertson, Family Services- Bill Copland, Hattie Wolf, AA3 Carrie Meyer, Andrea McGee, Tina Wright & Supt. Holbrook

Weekly Update

- COVID Informational

Question 1

Please provide the most up-to-date stats:

of men in quarantine? 134

Released: 7

Echo: 20

IMU Iso: 5

AHCC RCF: 8

Discharged; 64

of men in isolation? 21 at WSP, 8 at AHCC

of staff screened out at this time? 45-50

of staff tested positive? 10

- Still waiting on 13 tests from Unit 6.

Question 1

How is staff testing doing?

Answer

Great! 965 test ran last week, 0 positive tests, no inconclusive, 13 are outstanding. Yesterday we ran 256 tests and 141 so far today.

Question 2

We heard rumors that:

- video visits are not being allowed?
- The Incarcerated Individuals are only being allowed 20 minutes out each day
- Are the Incarcerated Individuals from Unit 6 being given access to Store and packages

Answer

- That is false. We are running video visits daily (not always well), but they are running. Extended times have been in place since March.
- The Incarcerated Individuals who are on quarantine are being limited but that is it. They are being allowed out for shower, yard and a phone call.

- Honestly, that has been anything that has been brought up since it is such a short turn around. They will all be back in the unit by the 9th. We will check on this.

Question 3

What is the difference between Fox and Echo units?

Answer

Fox is quarantined
Echo is Isolation

Question 4

Can we try to map out times or when Video Visits are more accessible? We did one the other night around 6pm and for 10 minutes it was spotty and after 10 minutes it was GREAT! Dean called and reported his findings about Zoom and GTE calls in Pennsylvania to Geneva, he will check back with her.

Question 5

Is the mailroom down or backed up? We seem to be waiting for 2 weeks for some items.

Answer

Yes! We are down 3 staff members and because of the hiring freeze we are unable to fill those positions.

Question 6

Are the flu vaccines mandatory? Will the vaccine for COVID be mandatory?

Answer

No! and NO! The flu shot is offered to the staff for free and to Incarcerated Individuals, but cannot be mandated, this would be illegal and fought by a law suit.

Question 7

Are you doing sweat lodge at this time?

Answer

No. We are not able to do sweat lodge because this is usually run by a volunteer and we are unable to have volunteers at this time. The 2 Chaplains are walking around the units doing cell to cell checks.

Round Table

The morale continues to be good. Staff members are testing well and to date no negatives. Incarcerated Individuals are doing well and having a positive attitude for the most part. They are actually voicing their appreciation of how this has been handled.