

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility: WSP / Teleconference**

**Date and Time: 9/22/2020, 1:00PM**

## Attendees

- Associate Supt. Steve Barker, Sgt. Rocky Beal, SFC Rep Wendy Dubinsky, Dean Dubinsky, OCO Caitlin Robertson, Family Services-, Bill Copland, Teresa Rasher, Anna Ivanov, AA3 Carrie Meyer, Tina Wright, Hattie.

## Weekly Update

- COVID Informational

## Pre-Submitted Questions

### Question 1

Please provide the most up-to-date stats:

# of men in quarantine? **0**

Released:

Isolation in Echo: **0**

Fox Unit: **0**

IMU Iso: **3**

Positives here:

# of men in isolation? **3 at WSP**

# of men tested positive? **142 (139 discharged to living units)**

# of staff screened out at this time? **11**

# of staff tested positive? **13**

Steve gave some statistics about the number of beds available in the quarantine/isolation units:

IMU – 45 beds available, 99 empty beds in each unit – Echo and Fox. Also gave numbers of staff testing done – 930 per week and a total of 4,000 done so far.

## Submitted Questions

None.

### Question 1

Are transfers between facilities happening?

Answer:

Yes, transfers are about back to normal. They had approximately 200 beds available, so men have been transferred to WSP.

## Question 2

Will flu shots be given to staff and incarcerated?

Answer

Yes, flu shots will be given to the most vulnerable people first on a voluntary basis. There are approximately 1100 staff and on average 260 get the flu shot – about 25%. Approximately 25% of incarcerated individuals get flu shots as well.

## Question 3

When will recreation resume/return to normal?

Answer

Recreation may resume by next week. Steve will invite Jennifer Adams to attend our next call to give an update and tell us how recreation is being implemented.

Other notable issues:

Overall population at WSP is down to around 2,000 incarcerated individuals.

Steve discussed the natural average attrition rate of 5 people per month and the challenge of filling positions during the hiring freeze. Under normal circumstance it's a very lengthy process to recruit and fill positions and get staff put in place. In some cases it can take up to 5 ½ months before the position is filled and people are up and working.

We also discussed video visits and the importance of them working especially during covid while normal visiting is suspended. Successful video visit is a challenge at WSP and all facilities. JPay is still offering 2 fee video visits per week. Incarcerated are allowed 2 visits per day, but it may be challenging to schedule visits.