

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: WSP / Teleconference

Date and Time: 3/23/2021, 1:00PM

Attendees

- Associate Superintendent Steve Barker, AA3 Carrie Meyer, Sgt. Rocky Beal, SFC Rep Wendy Dubinsky, DOC Paige Perkinson, Secretary Hattie Wolf, Co-Chair Tina Wright, Steve Kugler, Caitlyn Robinson, Connie Hollice

Weekly Update

Please provide the most up-to-date stats:

The website numbers are accurate. WSP is no longer in outbreak status.

Submitted Questions

- How often are inmates tested?
 - Whenever they are displaying symptoms
- How often are staff tested?
 - Every week, we have done approximately 26,000 tests to date.
- How many people have been experiencing flu like symptoms and NOT been tested?
 - None
- Have people who are NOT acting normal such as malaise and irritability been tested? Or even a slight cough and a little shortness of breath that could be considered, “out of shape”?
 - Yes.
- How many inmates have been vaccinated and compared to how who have not?
 - We recently delivered 400 vaccines to the incarcerated population, using the CDC guidelines. We have just received word that we will be receiving another shipment of vaccines from Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. All staff and all incarcerated are eligible to receive the vaccine.
- How many staff have been vaccinated compared to those who have not?
 - Approximately 25 % of staff have received the vaccine.
- What is being done to ensure that inmates can have a video visit with their loved ones? Is THIS a COVID excuse for not fixing the KIOSK? Carrie tells me that you all usually wait for inmates to complain before fixing. Is that still true if its been at least two weeks since I complained about the kiosk on the BAR being broken?
 - If there are issues with the kiosks, we depend on the incarcerated to report it to the CUS as soon as possible so that I can get a tech scheduled to come into the facility as soon as possible. This is a reasonable request. If we don't know the kiosk is down, we cannot make changes or adjustments. We don't service the kiosks, we don't use or have access to the kiosks. We depend on communications from the incarcerated. If family members are having issues with the kiosk being down, they can also turn this in and we can look into it.

- Now that programming has resumed, Video Visits that are scheduled during these times will be cancelled. Video Visits are a privilege, programming is a requirement. Attached is the DOC policy attachment.



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Other Questions

- Are changes that have been made during COVID being tracked and when will things return to normal?
 - This was not discussed. DOC will eventually return to “tried and true practices” at some time in the future but as we are still following COVID protocols, it would be pure speculation and guessing to try and figure out when we will return to some of the old practices.
- The concern was whether prior established tried-and-true practices are restored or ignored (as below). Who would be tracking that?
 - Depends on which practices are resumed. Some are tracked by the captain’s office and some are tracked by other areas. Again, because we are still following COVID protocols, we have not even returned to doing many of the previous practices yet.
- Similar question as to lifting restrictions which were a result of COVID
 - They are lifted as we move into the different phases that the governor’s office allows.
- “Long Haulers” People who do not test positive but still display symptoms; are you testing them or tracking them?
 - We haven’t even heard of that term. We don’t have anyone displaying symptoms of this nature.
- Some people are struggling with the Teams meeting and getting notifications.
 - There have been numerous changes, sometimes daily to the list of members so we are trying to stay on top of this. We will try to send the notice out the day before the meeting which should also serve as a reminder.