

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: WSP / Teleconference

Date and Time: 5/04/2021, 1:00PM

Attendees

- Associate Superintendent Steve Barker, AA3 Carrie Meyer, Family Services Bill Copland, Francis Storandt, Anna Ivanov, Sgt. Beal, Jayme Longoria, Co-Chair Tina Wright, Brenda Giordano, SFC Rep Wendy Dubinsky and Dean Dubinsky

Weekly Update

Please provide the most up-to-date stats:

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

We have one positive incarcerated individual who was in the transfer separation area.

We have 1 staff member with minimum contact to both staff and incarcerated.

Submitted Questions

None

Other Questions

Visiting is starting back up soon. What does the scheduling look like for co-horts?

The rooms are ready and staffing is going. Scheduling will be done on-line due to time restraints. Times and dates are very specific. (one visit per incarcerated, every 30 days; maximum of two visitors per visit, minimum age is 16)

This will not be published. You will need to go on-line and look to see if there is a time available. The scheduling calendar is posted out to August, 2021. There are 12 spots available in the WC per hour and 15 in the EC per hour. No exceptions for family traveling long distances at this time.

If we get pushed back in phases, does this hurt visiting?

Not necessarily. Outbreaks are not going to determine Visiting. Even at the institution, if there is an outbreak in the EC this won't affect the WC. We are trying to avoid closing Visiting down again.

One member states that she went on-line and signed up. It was a very easy process.

More things are opening up. Today, the weight piles opened. The incarcerated individuals will have to re-apply and meet the policy criteria. Our Recreation supervisor and staff are working on processing those and trying to get as many people through there today as possible.

Searches have resumed, both pat searches and cell searches are back on.

Are there Pat searches in Medium?

Yes, all the way down to minimum and work release. It may be random or every person going to the yard or work. It is the call of the Sgt. that decides this, they use the least intrusive, but thorough.

I understand that they needed to do the searches. But it seems that this is only because of the staff assault. Does this only happen when it is staff assault and not if it were inmate assault?

The staff assault incident was a catalyst to get us back to doing the searches that we have always done with the exemption of the past year. We are way overdue to get the searches going again. Due to the COVID we have been staying out of cells and doing very little as far as searches due to not trying to contaminate and stopping the spread of COVID where possible. These are done randomly, but any time there is a disturbance, it is looked into.

There seems to be a misunderstanding of those receiving the Moderna vaccine. Some have been told they should come back in 2 weeks instead of the recommended 4 weeks.

Yes, they are following up with getting corrected information out to the population. We are working on using up the last 100 vaccines we have. In the EC, a conservative estimate is that 85 % of the population has been vaccinated. The rest of the facility is at approximately 70%, I will clarify this with the HSB. We are unsure of totals with staff as some staff go elsewhere to get their vaccine and this is their private information.

If they don't feel well due to vaccine will they get a day off?

Yes. We have a lay in log in the units.

One member states that her son is in Rainier, he has not been offered his shot yet, he has sent in a kite, will send in another kite stating that he is interested. [Update: Spoke with the Health Services Manager in charge of the vaccination process and she stated that they will be going to the BAR units tomorrow \(Wednesday\) to vaccinate any stragglers.](#)

Cheryl Strange is your new Secretary. Do you know anything about her?

No, I have not had the opportunity to meet her.

In the recent searches, staff were taking cardboard shelving, they were given back. Why can't the IIBF support shelving for each unit. They live here and need somewhere to put their items. Can we look at doing this unit by unit, pod by pod depending on the expense?

Yes. We will look into the possibility of this and the cost attached. Great idea.

During the sweep, they have plastic trash bins in their cell, these were taken during the search because someone had used one for a shank. Now they only have paper bags available. This doesn't seem to be a good solution due to leakage.

We will look into this.

We are still offering the vaccine to those who want it.