

Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

Call Details

Facility: WSP / Teleconference

Date and Time: 6/01/2021, 1:00PM

Attendees

- Associate Superintendent Steve Barker, AA3 Carrie Meyer, Family Services Bill Copland, CPPC Debra Gilbreth, SFC Rep Wendy Dubinsky, LFC Secretary Francis Storandt, Dean Dubinsky, LFC Family Co-Chair Tina Wright, Steve Kugler and Superintendent Don Holbrook

Weekly COVID Update

Assoc. Superintendent S. Barker

WSP incarcerated individuals (I/I) – 0 COVID cases. Last week WSP received 1 quarantine case. All those that were in contact were put on quarantine and given 2 COVID tests. All results were negative so they will come off quarantine status.

Visiting

Assoc. Superintendent S. Barker

Visiting is going well. Today we had 1 visitor in the AM and will have 4 visitors in the PM.

Submitted Questions

None

Other Questions

Was the person who transferred to the facility vaccinated?

That is unknown. WSP will continue to offer COVID vaccines to all who are transferred to our facility. Because the vials hold a specific number of doses, the vaccinations will be given when we have enough for the vial so as not to waste any.

Regarding visiting. Has anyone in the facility tried listening in the visiting room, in person?

Sgt. Beal is aware of the difficulty talking through the divider. He and Superintendent Holbrook have shared the hearing concerns with headquarters, and we are awaiting resolution.

Superintendent Holbrook also explained that the CDC guidelines for facilities and communities is different.

Where the community may not have to wear a mask if they can provide proof of vaccination, WSP's classification is like a nursing home and on June 30th, what that means for us is just that we will be in a different phase. Most likely, we will still have to wear masks. Our hope is that by the end of summer we will have a better handle on this issue to include more data so that we can make informed decisions.

Is DOC thinking about changing visitation? For instance, from 1 hour to 2 hours?

We do not have the answer to that, but using the gained data, it is up for communication.

Are you or another facility able to run an experiment in a smaller, single unit where everyone that goes in or comes out is vaccinated and COVID restrictions are lifted to see what happens?

As long as there are guidelines set for prison facilities, we are held accountable to those guidelines and will follow those guidelines. If we are found not following those guidelines, we would be in trouble. If there are any changes to those guidelines, they must come from a doctor.

Next Local Family Council meeting June 5th 8:30 am – 10:00 am via Teams. Next COVID-19 Teleconference June 15th at 1:00 pm – via Teams.