

WS F&CB MENTOR MESSAGE #80

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Latest Covid Protocols February 8, 2022

1. Mask Policy

- a. It is recommended that Metanoia volunteers wear masks while in Walker State Prison, either during the entire time the mentor is in the facility or until such time as the mentor is seated with his mentee.

2. Vaccination Policy

- a. It is recommended that Metanoia volunteers be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

3. Steps to be taken if exposed to a Covid infected person.

- a. Exposure is defined as being within six feet of an infected person for 15 or more minutes, including if either or both persons were wearing a mask or other personal protective equipment at the time.
- b. When a mentor discovers that he has been exposed to an infected person he will report to his group leader the date of his exposure.
- c. The mentor will remain away from Walker State Prison and from other Metanoia volunteers and staff for fourteen days from the last day of his exposure.
- d. This policy applies to all Metanoia volunteers regardless of vaccination status.
- e. The mentor may return to the prison and interact in person with other Metanoia volunteers and staff on day fifteenth after the last day of his exposure.

4. Steps to be taken following a positive Covid test.

- a. If a Metanoia volunteer receives a positive Covid test he will immediately inform his Group Leader.
- b. The Group Leader will inform the Regional Director and the Mentor Ministry Administrator.
 - i. If the infected volunteer was in the presence of his mentor group during his infectious period*, the Group Leader will also inform the other members of their group.
- c. The Regional Director will inform the Deputy Warden for Care and Treatment, the Executive Director of Metanoia, and the other Metanoia Group Leaders of positive tests.
- d. The Regional Director and the Deputy Warden for Care and Treatment will discuss and decide what next steps will be necessary for ensuring the safety of all concerned.
- e. A volunteer with a positive test will not return to the prison for fourteen days from the date of the test.
- f. If an infected volunteer was present for a mentoring session during his infectious period*, then all mentors present during that session will stand down from mentoring for fourteen days.
- g. Any mentors from that group who were absent when the contagious mentor was present at the prison may join the alternate week group during the fourteen-day stand down period.

* For purposes of this policy we are defining the infectious period as from two days before the onset of symptoms to fourteen days after the onset of symptoms.

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