

WS F&CB MENTOR MESSAGE #73

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Latest Covid Protocols September 1, 2021

1. Mask Policy

- a. Masks are to be worn by all Metanoia volunteers while at Walker State Prison. Masks will be put on upon entering the Bunker and will remain on the entire time while inside Walker State Prison. Gaiters are not allowed.
- b. Masks will be worn so that they cover both the mouth and the nose.
- c. Masks may be briefly removed to allow for drinking water but must be immediately returned to the proper position.
- d. If a volunteer is unable or unwilling to wear a mask he will be asked to step down from ministry until masks are no longer required.

2. Vaccination Policy

- a. All Metanoia volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.
- b. Fully vaccinated means that two weeks have passed since you received the second dose of a two-dose vaccine or the single dose vaccine.

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 14 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 15 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 thirty 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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