

## Winter Update

**VPS School Board Meeting:  
TODAY, 1/12 @ 5 PM**

VEA is grateful to those members who have reached out to VPS admin, VPS school board members and VEA leadership alike to share what's not/working with remote/small group learning, and to those who have posed questions/suggestions/requests regarding the tentative plan for hybrid learning.

We encourage all VEA members to attend TODAY's School Board meeting. A Zoom link for the meeting can be found below:

**When: Jan 12, 2021 05:00 PM**  
**Topic: VPS Board Meeting**

Please click the link below to join the webinar:  
<https://vansd.zoom.us/j/83702350601>

**Safety Concerns at Your Worksite?**

The [COVID Site Coordinator](#) at your respective worksite is responsible for overseeing health and safety, dispensing and replenishing PPE, and addressing and responding to reports of health and safety concerns at the site. Please immediately report any health and safety concerns – especially violations of protocols spelled out by VPS in accordance with state and federal guidance – to your [COVID Site Coordinator](#).

**If there is a lack of response or follow-through on the COVID Site Coordinator's part, please notify VEA ASAP so we can either work with district level admin to address the issue or so we can support you or other member colleagues in reporting VPS' violation by filing a [Safety Claim through Labor and Industries](#).**

**Meeting between CCPH, EA Presidents and District Superintendents**

After nearly two months of requests, Local Presidents from Vancouver and WEA Riverside finally had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Melnick, Clark County Public Health Director, along with district superintendents, last week via Zoom. EA Presidents attempted to address several areas of member concern in an effort to receive direct response/guidance. [Here are the minutes taken during this meeting for your reference.](#)

Since CPH no longer has the capacity to post positive cases in schools (now only posting outbreaks), VEA will attempt to provide a weekly update to members to include VPS cases as well as the weekly case count for Clark County as a whole.

**Since January 1, 2021, VPS has reported:**

Saturday, 1/2:

- 2 positive cases at Washington ES, no close contacts

Thursday, 1/7:

- positive case at Hudson's Bay HS, no close contacts
- positive case at Columbia River HS, no close contacts
- positive case at Fort Vancouver HS, close contact with staff (no students)

Friday, 1/8:

- positive case at Jefferson MS, no close contacts;
- positive case at Skyview HS, no close contacts;
- positive case at Truman ES, close contacts with staff and students, one class will learn remotely

Sunday, 1/10:

- *presumed* positive at Truman ES from 1/8 was confirmed negative

**Since January 1, 2021, CPH has reported:**

Jan 4: **324.87** cases per 100,000  
Jan 11: **397.95** cases per 100,000

**2021 Bargain:  
Specialty Group Input Sessions**

VEA invites specialty member groups to join us via Zoom to further elaborate priorities specific to their specialty from 4:00 to 5:00 PM on:

**January 13th (Counselors)** Register in advance for this meeting: <https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwofuivzpIpHte-7N40RO5bK8zY2nf0zTcy>

**January 14th (Special Education)** Register in advance for this meeting: <https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtc-uprzMoG9ac JcioD52K4q 2eeTyW45>


**January 20th (ECSE)** Register in advance for this meeting: <https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEud-6vrj8uEtYzNEsOdDTyblRjiBMSbePs>

**January 25th (TOSAs)** Register in advance for this meeting: <https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqcu2vqjOiH9dk8En74lcGu-X 68GZZv89>

**January 26th (ESAs)** Register in advance for this meeting: <https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvduurrzWuH9VVJ1dB3y9usY01SHy0WP06>

**January 27th (EL Specialists/Dual Language)** Register in advance for this meeting: <https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqf-GprzkoG9Ua3w12Xcsiiq4Gii74Zy8k>

**VEA Virtual Social,  
Open to All Members!**



We realize the level of stress that all our members are feeling. "Cook up" a good time alongside our guest chef or order in and simply join the conversation, **January 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 4:30 PM via Zoom** (this is a slightly later start time than initially announced in the January VEA Action Line)! [See this flyer for more details!](#)

Please register for the event no later than Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> using the link below:

**When: Jan 22, 2021 04:30 PM**  
Register in advance – no later than January 15th:  
<https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ%20Upf-CorTksH9dDGGhf4KE3M-owr1avJAYX>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. See you there!