

## Winter Update

### VPS & CCPH COVID Case Updates

VEA has attempted to provide at least a weekly update to members to include VPS cases as well as the weekly case count for Clark County as a whole. Beginning last week, VPS has also begun providing public access to a [VPS COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#). We encourage members to share these details with other colleagues and community members to support communication and transparency.

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

**NEW! Wednesday, 2/10:**

- positive case at Jefferson MS, close contacts, transmission location not school based

**NEW! Tuesday, 2/9:**

- [King confirmed an "outbreak site," elaborated in this message](#)

Friday, 2/5:

- positive student case at Chinook ES, no close contacts, school-based transmission; [Chinook confirmed an "outbreak site," elaborated in this message](#)
- positive case at Gaiser MS, no close contacts, transmission location not school-based

Monday, 2/1:

- positive case at Discovery MS, close contacts

Sunday, 1/31:

- positive case at Roosevelt ES, no close contacts

Tuesday, 1/26:

- 2 positive cases at King ES, close contacts

Tuesday, 1/19:

- positive case at Chinook, close contacts

Monday, 1/18:

- positive case at Lake Shore, close contacts

Wednesday, 1/13:

- positive case at JPC, close contacts with staff
- positive case at Chinook ES, close contacts with students

Sunday, 1/10:

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

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

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)

Saturday, 1/2:

- 2 positive cases at Washington ES, no close contacts

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

**NEW! Feb 9: 262.2 cases per 100,000**

Feb 2: **310.54** cases per 100,000  
 Jan 26: **401.23** cases per 100,000  
 Jan 19: **473.69** cases per 100,000  
 Jan 11: **397.95** cases per 100,000  
 Jan 4: **324.87** cases per 100,000

### Follow-Up to

### Monday's MS Listening Session

Thank you to those who were able to join us for Monday's MS Listening Session. You can access [the slides](#) used during the presentation from here and a [Q&A document](#) based on those questions voiced aloud on the call, in the chat, or via email to VEA as well.

Please continue to collaborate with your building administrators around building-specific needs as well as your VEA Reps to bring unresolved issues to our attention for further advocacy and support!

### Tentative Agreement re: Hybrid Instruction

Yesterday, VEA and VPS came to a Tentative Agreement related to synchronous instruction within the hybrid model. You'll recall VEA has elevated member advocacy for live-streaming as an option as opposed to a requirement, while also acknowledging the unique needs of students who remain in full remote. Items 4 and 5 will be added to Section I of the MOU (titled "Expectations Specific to Hybrid Instruction") and read as follows:

4. PK-12 teachers are highly encouraged to live-stream instruction to remote students on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (e.g. Hybrid A & Remote A live-stream instruction on M & T, Hybrid B & Remote B live-stream instruction on Th & F, or live-stream to all remote students, both A & B). Teachers who live-stream instruction by class period (secondary) or by core content area (elementary - at a minimum literacy, math & SEL) will receive a five-hundred-dollar stipend (\$500.00). This stipend will be paid in two-hundred-fifty-dollar (\$250.00) installments on a supplemental contract. The first installment will be on March 31, 2021, and the second installment on June 30, 2021. This is a non-precedent setting stipend, as it expands the application of an instructional strategy. The amount of time live-streaming will depend on the lesson and the standard(s) being taught. Professional development will be provided to teachers who need the support to expand their live-streaming capabilities.

5. At a minimum, once a week, secondary teachers will engage with full remote learners using synchronous instruction (e.g. live-streaming, Zoom).

VEA encourages you to address questions and concerns first with your building administrator. For any further clarification you may need, please work with your VEA Communications Lead to direct questions through our VEA Coms Structure to ensure as many members are included and informed as possible!

### Special School Board Meeting: Thursday, 2/11 @ 5:30 PM

VEA encourages all members to attend tomorrow's Special School Board Meeting:

**Thursday, 2/11 @ 5:30 PM via Zoom Webinar**  
<https://vansd.zoom.us/j/82236731465>

The current agenda includes:

- Superintendent Successor Search
- **Executive Session to Evaluate the Qualifications of an Applicant for Public Employment- Potential Action to Follow**
- Selection of Candidates for Superintendent Successor Interviews

We also anticipate an Interim Superintendent to be appointed during the meeting in light of the recent news of [Dr. Webb being placed on administrative leave](#). Beyond what Director Sproul shared with VPS staff via work email today, VEA has not received further details on this topic.