

## 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:**

- Wednesday, 2/10:
  - positive case at Jefferson MS, close contacts, transmission location not school based
- 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 16: 209.8 cases per 100,000**  
 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

### Nominations Open for WEA ESA of the Year

Do you know an outstanding Education Staff Associate (ESA) member in your building or on your work team? There's still time to cast your nomination for the first-ever WEA ESA of the Year Award!

Think of your own dedicated VEA colleagues:

School psychologists, School counselors, School social workers, School nurses, Speech and language pathologists and audiologists, Occupational therapists, Physical therapists, Behavior analysts

Nominations are open for the 2021 WEA Education Staff Associate of Year. [Complete nomination packets](#) are due no later than 5 PM Monday, 2/22.

The WEA ESA of the Year winner will be announced in a surprise ceremony, followed by a formal recognition at the 2021 WEA Representative Assembly, which will be held virtually. There is no award like this offered by any other state affiliate of NEA!

Our ESA peers often go unrecognized in our public schools, and this is the chance to recognize their impact on students in Washington.

[Follow this link to complete the nomination form.](#) Thank you for nominating a worthy peer!

### Superintendent Candidate Community Forum Recording and Survey

In case you missed or wanted to re-watch Tuesday's Community Forum Interviews of the four finalist candidates for VPS Superintendent, you can access a recording from [the New Superintendent page of the VPS website](#). All staff and community members are also encouraged to provide feedback on each candidate by completing [this online survey](#). Please submit your feedback by Tuesday, 2/23 for consideration by the VPS School Board.

Following this community feedback, a series of stakeholder interviews, and a series of Board interviews with these four candidates, the Board will select two finalists with whom to conduct in-person interviews.

### VEA Elections: Vote by 2/23

VEA members should have received notification via email and via US mail that it's election time at VEA! Voting is now open and will close at 5PM on Tuesday, 2/23. All candidates for the Executive Board were uncontested and therefore declared elected per VEA Standing Rules. This vote will determine our delegates to the WEA Representative Assembly and the NEA Representative Assembly.

In addition to those who filed as candidates prior to nominations closing, Lou River-Nystrom, Carol Sandison and Charlene Shea would appreciate being considered as write-in candidates for the WEA-RA. Carol Sandison would also appreciate being considered as a write-in candidate for the NEA-RA.

To vote, visit [www.myassociationvotes.com/vea](http://www.myassociationvotes.com/vea)

- Username: firstname.lastname as it appears on your District email
- Password: 5 Digit VPS Employee ID. If your ID is less than 5 digits add appropriate zeros (eg. 1234 should be entered as 01234)

Please contact [Cbrown@washingonea.org](mailto:Cbrown@washingonea.org) if you have any difficulties voting and please vote before 5 PM on Tuesday, 2/23!