

Spring Update

VPS & CCPH COVID Case Updates

VEA will continue to provide updates to members to include VPS cases as well as the weekly case count for Clark County. VPS is also 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 February 1, 2021, VPS has reported:

NEW! Thursday, 3/11:

- **Positive case at Discovery MS, close contacts**

Tuesday, 3/9:

- positive case at Jefferson MS, no close contacts, transmission location not school-based

Wednesday, 3/4:

- positive case at Gaiser MS, no close contacts, transmission location not school-based
- *presumed* positive case at Lake Shore ES, close contacts with staff and a student, transmission location not school-based

Friday, 2/26:

- positive case at Marshall ES, close contacts

Saturday, 2/20:

- positive case at Marshall ES, close contacts with staff and students, transmission location not school-based

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

Since February 1, 2021, CCPH has reported:

NEW! Mar 9: 103.4 cases per 100,000 (as announced on the [Clark County COVID Data page](#))

Mar 2: 105.4 cases per 100,000
 Feb 23: 137.0 cases per 100,000
 Feb 16: 209.8 cases per 100,000
 Feb 9: 262.2 cases per 100,000
 Feb 2: 310.54 cases per 100,000

Update re: Elementary Live-Streaming

After VEA submitted [this \(now updated\) Q&A document](#) for District Admin review, we received the thumbs up on the original way we framed stipend qualification for both elementary and secondary. Unfortunately, District Admin overlooked the original language speaking to elementary stipend qualification in particular and now feels it misaligns with [MOU language](#) in Section I4.

Though elementary remote teachers will not qualify for the \$500 stipend, we would encourage them to work with building admin around other building-funded supplemental pay they may qualify for based on their current work experience. District Admin have been supportive of this alternative and will be connecting with building admin around potential prospects for this as well. Elementary remote teachers can also reach out to VEA President Kari Van Nostran directly to discuss their current work experience and brainstorm ideas for supplemental pay (360-624-7245) or if they have further questions.

Members working outside of a hybrid classroom experience who have questions regarding qualification for the \$500 stipend or other supplemental pay can also reach out to Kari directly for further clarification.

Send a Gratitude-Gram through VEA: Deadline Extended!

There's still time to partner with VEA to help express your gratitude for other VEA colleagues! Who has been the "Pot of Gold" at the end your rainbow? Who brings a smile to your face and puts little pep in your step? We want to help you express your gratitude in the form of a personalized postcard to a VEA member you would deem your "Pot of Gold."

Similar to the way we solicited requests for a postcard from Santa back in December, **your response to [this survey](#) will enable VEA to craft a "Gratitude-Gram" on your behalf to then send to your colleague through interoffice mail!** Thanks for taking advantage of this offer to send a positive message to those VEA colleagues who've helped us survive and thrive this school year!

Please respond to the survey no later than [Tuesday, 3/16 at 5 PM](#) to place your requests!

