

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 to support full communication and transparency.

Since February 1, 2021, VPS has reported:

NEW! 3/15:

- **Positive case at Lake Shore ES, no close contacts, transmission location not school-based**

NEW! 3/12:

- **positive case at Fort Vancouver HS, close contacts with staff, transmission location not school-based**
- **positive case at Columbia River HS, close contacts with staff and students, transmission location not school-based**

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! March 15: 88.8 cases per 100,000

Mar 9: 103.4 cases per 100,000
 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

Clarification re: Friday's Elementary Live-Streaming Update

We apologize for any confusion the wording in Friday's update may have created for elementary staff in particular. The **live-streaming stipend remains available for those elementary hybrid teachers** who are teaching students in front of them (onsite) and students engaging from home (remote) simultaneously (it also remains available for secondary hybrid teachers whether live-streaming from onsite or live-streaming through their accommodation). **Those elementary teachers who received an alternate/remote assignment, who are only teaching students engaging from home (remote), do not qualify for the stipend.**

VEA would still encourage elementary teachers who received an alternate/remote assignment and other members to work with building admin around other building-funded supplemental pay they may qualify for based on their current work experience. Any members working outside of a hybrid classroom experience who have questions regarding qualification for the \$500 stipend or other supplemental pay can reach out to their Building Reps or to VEA Leadership (Kari's cell is 360-624-7245) for further clarification as well. Thanks again for your patience and understanding!

Video-Recordings Clarification

Now that VPS has transitioned to hybrid instruction PK-12, **neither onsite teachers nor teachers working remotely/with an accommodation are required to post video recordings to their Canvas Landing Pages.** The option to do so remains, but the requirement the MOU spoke to during remote instruction no longer applies. Under the Hybrid Instruction Section of [the MOU](#) (Section letter I), there is no explicit language stating recorded lessons/videos are required and VEA confirmed our understanding with Kathy Everidge via email as well. If your administrator has mistakenly continued this requirement, please confer with them directly, citing this update. If VEA can support you in making this clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out to us for further support as well!

LAST CALL for Gratitude-Grams!

Time is running out 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 TODAY/Tuesday, 3/16 at 5 PM to place your requests!

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